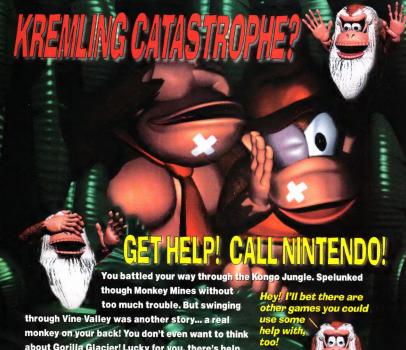


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ND AWARD



What do you think was the best game of 1994? Best hero? Worst villain? Here's your chance to tell us. When you vote for your favorite games, you'll have a chance to win yourself some prizes, as well!

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Don't miss all of the latest RPG news in the Epic Center. This month, get an exclusive behind the scenes look at Enix's new game, King Arthur: Knights of Justice, and an in-depth preview of Nintendo's off-the-wall hit, EarthBound. Rounding out the Epic Center are four pages of strategies and tips to get you through some of the toughest RPG problems around.



Just recently received Donkey Kong Country for my 14th B-Day. What an incredible game. The "Making of" video really was awesome. Not only did it prepare me for the game, I also watch it almost every day to psyche myself up before I play it. My mom even commented on how cool it was. She said that it actually looked like a gorilla, not a cartoon like previous games. (For my mom to say so, it must be good.)

SCOTT FOGG ESCONDIDO, CA

with to know how well the video prepared me for DK Country? Well, when I watched the video, I was expecting the best game ever made. When I played it, I realized I was wrong. It's the best game that ever WILL be made! Unbelievably excellent! Diddy rules! There is one thing I would change if I could. I would make a 2-player option where DK and Diddy can both play at the same time. Other than that, any change would be unforgivable.

MIKE MAXEY LA VISTA, NE

Sorry to burst your bubble, Mike. But we will make a game that is better than DK Country! Guaranteed.

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just love the Nintendo Power Index. When I looked at the front of it, I couldn't help but notice it says 2nd Edition. What happened to the 1st Edition? I never got one.

MICHAEL SHELBY PENSACOLA, FL

We printed a 1st Edition of the Index, but you're not missing anything. All of the information in the 1st Edition is a 1so in the 2nd. The 2nd just includes information on more recent issues. Look for a 3rd Edition—possibly available in the Summer 1995 Super Power Supplies Catalog.



'm an adult who enjoys Game Boy, I play on the subways. when I'm waiting in lines like at the DMV, at the doctor's office or at the bank. It keeps me from going bananas. For example, I was recently with a group crossing the Canadian border and we had to stand in line for an hour while they checked each of us on their computer. People were angry, but not me, my thumbs were busy. My main use for Game Boy is in the pit. I'm a musician and I play in shows. Very often, it's the same show for three months, so during the dialogue scenes. I enjoy Game Boy. In fact, at this point, I'd go crazy if I didn't have it. I wish you would create more non-violent games for adults. My husband and I hook up with Tetris when we're on long bus rides. We wish there were more games like Tetris that we could enjoy together. Please help us keep our marriage together!

ANN GARVEY BROOKLYN, NY

Like we always say, "The couple that plays together, stays together!"





y dad is always telling me to do something creative with my time instead of burning my eyes out in front of my Super NÉS. I tell him that uppercutting heads and spitting acid is creative enough for me, but he always gets me out of the house one way or another, But (this is the good part) one weekend when we had my cousins over I came out of the living room and BOP! There he was, my dad, reading Nintendo Power! I couldn't believe it! I thought you should have a picture. That's my cousin, Stephanie, who is also an NP subscriber.



PETER VANCE

thought you might like to see this colorful photo of my little brother. As you can see, he gets excited whenever a new Nintendo Power magazine comes in the mail!



SHAYE PEABODY MORENO VALLEY, CA

IF YOU'KE IN THE MOOD TO WATE, WE'RE IN THE MOOD TO READ!

Beginning with the January Bonus Issue, the graphic treatments on several of our regular columns changed. Take a look back through some of your older issues and then let us know if the changes we've made have been for the better.

NINTENDO POWER PLAYER'S PULSE P.O. BOX 97033 REDMOND, WA 98073-9733 am writing to ask about your coverage of Earthworm Jim. In all of the (very) artistic illustrations, Jim looks like a crazed maniac. Is he actually a maniac worm? Does he not have feelings for Queen Slimy_(etc.)_Slug-For-A-Butt? Also, I noticed that one eye has a green iris and one doesn't. How did this happen? Did a childhood accident leave our beloved Jim irisless? (irisless?) If in fact something of that sort happened, I would like to know.

MARK POTNICK PATASKALA, OH

According to Shiny Entertainment's Doug TenNapel, EWJ's creator, Jim is a victim of circumstance that, when he's forced into protecting his suit, causes him to become a reluctant hero and go ballistic! Under normal conditions, Jim's a pretty easy goin' guy. Doug also clued NP into what the deal is with Jim's irises by saying, "It's kind of a David Bowie thing."

Why do so many games have sad parts in them? In Secret of Mana, my sister and I thought it would be the ultimate game ever made...until we found out what the ending was like and what happened to the Mana Tree. We were totally disappointed.

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MOST WANTED

Here they are! These are the most wanted games, according to the readers of Nintendo Power. They're the hottest properties coast to

- 1. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY
- (SUPER NES)
- 2. MEGA MAN X2 SUPER NES
- 3. FINAL FANTASY III SUPER NES
- 4. DONKEY KONG LAND
- (SUPER GAME BOY) 5. EARTHWORM JIM
- SUPER NES 6. X-MEN: THE MUTANT APOCALYPSE
- (SUPER NES) 7. ILLUSION OF GAIA
- (SUPER NES) A LINK TO 8. THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: THE PAST

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- 9. SUPER METROID
- (SUPER NES) 10. SUPER PUNCH-OUT!! (SUPER NES)

HALL OF FAME

all-time favorite game? These are a few of the titles that

GAMENAME	MUL MUL	细想和	HONOFE
METROID	78	монтня	Samus's first adventure on Zebes was a bi of a sleeper when it was first refeased, bs it gained a reputation as a gamer's game. When Samus's Game Boy and Super NES adventures arrived, the original NES adve ture experienced a revival in popularity.
DR. MARIO	49	монтна	Dr. Mario was a fevered hit among pozzle game fans. Both the NES and Game Boy vi sions were luggly successful, and that suc- cess is carrying over into the newest game pak, Tetris & Dr. Mario.
DRAGON WARRIOR	20	MONTHS	This is the original NES Role-Playing hit! The popularity of this classic led to four other NES Dragon Warrior titles, as well a



A cclaim's new NBA Jam Tournament Edition will soon be heating things up. That means that your Super NES will be on fire and your friends will go ballistic. It doesn't matter if you're jamming with four players or just one, because the arcade action is hot, the new options sizzle, and with our exclusive first-look at some of the secret Jam Tournament codes, you'll be cooking as soon as you unwrap the Pak. If you just got back from Mars and missed the action last year with the original NBA Jam, here's what it's all about: you play two-on-two with

Turbomoves that scorch the court. Tan in special codes to play with secret players. It sounds simple, but the action is furious. There are Power-Ups, injuries and super moves that will rock the arena. Of course, if uou've been right here on earth, you've already Jammed 'til the guarters ran out. So what's different about this year's Slamfest? Better graphics and sound, sure. Also, a battery-backed memory to save records for 16 plauers, Substitutions, Team choices. Juice Mode (for extra speed). Hot Spots (for extra points). And all-new codes.

So what is the best version of NBA Jam? The bottom line is this: NBA Jam Tournament Edition for the Super NES is the best Jam available for a home video game system. Since much of the game play is similar to the original NBA Jam, you might want to take it for a test dribble first



ORIGINAL TOURNAMENT JAM **EDITION Total NBA Players Total NBA Players** 54 122 Players Per Team Players Per Team

3+ Number of Player Stats Number of Player Stats Teams Can Play Selves **Teams Can Play Selves** No Yes Injury Stats Injury Stats No Yes **Battery Backed Battery Backed** Memory Memory No Yes

CUSTOM JAM

Besides the Team Options for three or four players, you can set Tag Mode, Computer Assistance to handicap hot players, Hot Spots, Power-Up Icons, Juice Speed

(1 to 4) and Tournament Mode. And if you slam through the league playing with one team, you can access even more options, including larger rosters!

WAY TO PLAY

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Challenge your friends or play against a randomly selected computer opponent. When selecting your team, be sure to choose the player configuration that lets you control your favorite NBA star. Use the A or B Button to cycle through the choices. You'll have six ways to pair up the three players.

TEAM GAME

Team up two-on-one against a computer controlled opponent in the Team Game option. Cooperative play is great practice for when you take on two other players in the multi-player mode. It's also a challenge in itself, especially when you jack up the Juice Speed.

TOURNAMENT MODE

This is the real thing. No handicaps. No mercy. In Tournament Mode, you won't find Power-Ups or Computer Assistance or any feature on the Special Options menu like Hot Shots or Juice Mode. You can play Head-To-Head or Team versions of Tournament. Think of it as NBA Jam raw.

WHO TO PLAY

SCOUT

If you don't know which player to choose, or you don't know which team to choose, watch them in action for a while and check out the eight categories of stats on each player. In a Tag Mode game, it's important to combine two players with complementary skills. The general rule is to use the player with the best stats.

POWER

Power refers to the player stat for strength and endurance. What makes the Power stat important is that highly rate Power players won't get injured as easily and won't be thrown around as much as less powerful players. If you don't have to substitute an inferior player, you'll have an edge.

CLUTCH

Down the stretch, when the going gets toughest and just before the fat lady sings, you'll need the Clutch player. This guy doesn't choke or fall apart or throw in the towel. When the cards are down and the bear is on your back, you can count on a Clutch player. Like the Power stat, this stat pays off in the fourth quarter.













BURNING THE BOARDS

Strategies in NBA Jam can include the careful selection of teams and players and the skillful use of Turbo moves and special options. Use the Practice option to

get a feel for the controls. Below are some of the Powerpatented strategies that you can use to get the edge when Jamming.

KNOCK DOWN

No one ever said that basketball was a kinder, gentler sport. You've got to be in your opponent's face. If he is low on Power, you can injure him, making him less effective. He may even have to swap out a star player in the crucial fourth quarter.





ON FIRE

If you make three shots in a row, you catch "On Fire," which means that you have unlimited Turbo and a higher shooting percentage for the next four shots or until the opponent sinks one. Use dunks and pressure defense to light yourself up.





SUBSTITUTIONS

Injured players can be switched out for healthy ones after the first, second and third quarters. An injured player regains total strength after sitting out one quarter. Make sure that your strongest lineup is in the game at the end.





WESTERN CONFERENCE

Check out the best in the west, and the worst, too. From the powerhouse Rockets, Suns and Sonics to the out-atsea Clippers we've got the scouting reports on them all. Our recommendations go to the strongest players, but you might have even more fun and challenge with a lower-ranked player or team.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS

RRIO

The Warriors' player choices include Gugliotta, Sprewell and Seikaly. None is a great Clutch player, but they all have great inside ability for Dunks and Blocked shots.



SPREWELL

SPEED6	POWER
3 PTS7	STEAL
DUNK8	BLOCK
PASS R	CLUTCH



GUGLIOTTA

	SPEED7	POWER8
ł	3 PTS7	STEAL4
	DUNK7	BLOCK5
	PASS5	CLUTCH4
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SEIKALY

SPEED3	POWER6
3 PTS3	STEAL3
DUNK8	BLOCK
DASS 4	CLUTCH 2

PLAYER PICKS

Go with Gugliotta for one-player games. His overall balance and good Power rating will keep you in the game. For teams, choose Gugliotta and Sprewell. Sub in Seikaly for Sprewell if necessary.









Sprived has the hottest hand for the Warriors, but his Power and ow. Guillotta is a powerful religiouder and he has a great reversal tunk. Seikaly's slow speed makes him a poor office except as a sub for the other of avers.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS



Richardson, Roberts and Sealy aren't likely to overwhelm anyone in Tournament Jam. Chances are you'll have to make some smart substitutions to keep them all in the game.



SPEED......8 POWER..... 3 PTS8 STEAL...... DUNK2 BLOCK



ROBERTS

PASS.....8

SPEED1	POWER
3 PTS4	STEAL
DUNK3	BLOCK
PASS3	CLUTCH



SEALY
SPEED
3 PTS
DUNK
PASS

POWER	5
STEAL	1
BLOCK	€
CLUTCH	- 2

PLAYER PICKS

Richardson is the key. He's the closest thing to a Clutch player, but his Power is low so you sold substitute to keep him in at the end. Sealy provides the most overall strength to help Richardson with Dunks.









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LOS ANGELES LAKERS

AKERS

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The Lakers aren't what they used to be, but they have the Clutch players to carry you if you manage to keep the game close. It won't be easy. Power is a weakness, so make substitutions.



DIVAC SPEED.....3 **DUNK**

POWER.....6 STEAL.....4 BLOCK7 CLUTCH.....8



SPEED.....8 3 PTS......7 DUNK4 PASS.....4

PASS.....2

POWER.....0 STEAL....4 BLOCK2 CLUTCH.... 8

CLUTCH.....6



VAN EXEL POWER.... STEAL....2 3 PTS4 DUNK5 BLOCK6

PASS

Diwac is the strongest player for a one-player game. Team him with Van Exel, but sub in Peeler at the end of the contest for his threepoint dille and Clark





The overall strength of Manning, Majerle and Johnson gives you an advantage over most teams. Blocking shots is their big weakness, so use Turbo on defense.



HOENIX

suns

MAJERL SPEED.....5

POWER. STEAL.. DUNK4 BLOCK PASS.....6 CLUTCH....



JOHNSON

SPEED.....8 POWER.....1 STEAL7 3 PTS.....7 DUNK2 BLOCK0 PASS.....8 CLUTCH.....7



MANNING

SPEED......7 POWER.....6 3 PTS.....7 STEAL.....4 DUNK7 BLOCK. PASS.....4 CLUTCH..

Manning is the most balanced of the three Suns, but it's hard to ignore Majerle's threepoint ability and Clurch performance. Choose Majerle and team him with Manning.





PORTLAND **BLAZERS** RAILBLAZERS

The Blazers have a real superstar with Drexler, and both Porter and Robinson make for interesting team combinations. Porter's three pointers never miss.



POWER.....4 STEAL....8 3 PTS8 DUNK1 BLOCK0 CLUTCH.....3



SPEED.....7 POWER.....4 STEAL DUNK9 PASS.....5

Drexler's the man, but Robinson adds defense while Porter brings offense to a team combo. Robinson's power is a definite







ROBINSON

POWER.....9 STEAL..... BLOCK PASS

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS



SACRAMENTO KINGS



SUPERSONICS

The Sonics can do it all with the chosen three of Kemp, Payton and Schrempf. In combinations, they have no weaknesses, but individually each has a few question marks.





PASS.....3

POWER.....8 STEAL......3 BLOCK8 CLUTCH....6



SCHREMPF

SPEED......3 POWER.....8 3 PTS......6 STEAL.....4 DUNK......4 BLOCK.....6 PASS......5 CLUTCH....6



PAYTON

POWER.....5 STEAL......7 BLOCK......1 CLUTCH....4

PLAYER PICKS

Kemp and Payton make a dream team by themselves. They complement each other perfectly. Choose Kemp if you go it alone. Schremp! is a smart sub at the end.





DALLAS MAVERICKS



The Mavs don't have the overall strength of some teams, but Mashburn can keep you close. Dunks are a weak spot. Davis adds some defense.



MASHB



JACKSON

/NG5

Once a pushover in the west, Sacramento has picked up some talent. Power is a problem, except for Richmond, and the Kings' defense is nothing to write home about.



WEBB

SPEED.......3 3 PTS3 DUNK8 PASS5 POWER.....2 STEAL......3 BLOCK5 CLUTCH....6



RICHMOND



SIMMONS

SPEED......5 POWER.....3
3 PTS.......1 STEAL......6
DUNK.......5 BLOCK......5
PASS.......6 CLUTCH....4

PLAYER PICKS

Richmond should be your first choice, but Webb's Speed and Dunk ratings make him a powerhouse while he's in the game. Switch between Webb and Simmons.





PLAYER PICKS

Mashburn is your best bet. His three point shot will keep you close. Team him with Jackson unless the you fall behind, then switch to Davis.







DAVIS

SPEED...... 3 PTS...... DUNK....... PASS..... POWER.....4 STEAL......5 BLOCK7

NUGGETS



NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITIO

There's gold in them that hills, Denver's Mutombo and Abdul-Rauf make an excellent combination. Although each has weaknesses, they complement each other well



MUTOMBO

POWER.... STEAL.....2 DUNK8 BLOCK9 CLUTCH.....6



ABDUL-RAUF

SPEED.....8 POWER. 3 PTS9 STEAL.....6 BLOCK3 DUNK2 CLUTCH.....8



SPEED.....6

POWER.....5 STEAL. BLOCK CLUTCH....

Mutombo is dominating if you stick to an inside game. If you're teaming up or playing Tag, add Abdul-Rauf and make sure he's



MINNESOTA *IMBERWOLVES*

You may end up howling at the moon, or at your opponent, if you choose the T-Wolves. Weaknesses include Power, Stealing and Blocking.



SPEED.....5 3 PTS9 DUNK5

POWER.....3 STEAL.....4 BLOCK. CLUTCH....9



POWER.....6 STEAL

ROCKELS

Olajuwon is one of the most dominant players in the game. He does everything but the downtown jumper. Neither Horry nor Thorpe gives you an outside dimension.



OLAJUWON

SPEED.....8 POWER.....9 STEAL3 DUNK9 BLOCK9 PASS.....4 CLUTCH.....9



HORRY SPEED.....7

POWER.....8 3 PTS6 STEAL.....6 DUNK8 BLOCK6 PASS7 CLUTCH.....7



THORPE

POWER.....7 STEAL.....4 BLOCK

DUNK7 CLUTCH...

This is a tough one. Olajuwon. He is the Rockets. Horry is the best man to team with Olajuwon. Thorpe would be a great second





Rider is the best overall. His Speed and Dunk ratings make him a powerful force in the NBA I game of the collection of th







CLUTCH....

The Spurs may not be able to hit an outside shot to save their lives, but they'll block everything that their opponents toss up and then they'll take it down the court and slam it home.



SPEED7 POWER8 3 PTS3 STEAL3 BLOCK9 **DUNK8** PASS5 CLUTCH..... 8



RODMAN

SPEED8 POWER9 3 PTS2 STEAL 7 DUNK7 BLOCK 9 PASS5 CLUTCH4



_L IOT

SPEED7 POWER4 3 PTS6 STEAL5 DUNK6 BLOCK PASS5 CLUTCH5

Robinson can block, dunk and stay in the game until the end. Rodman has an outside shot like





Playing the Jazz is a matter of substituting Stockton and Hornacek intelligently and making sure Stockton is in the game and healthy at the end. Malone will do the rest all by himself.



TOCKTON

SPEED..... 8 POWER0 STEAL9 3 PTS9 BLOCK0 DUNK0 PASS.....9 CLUTCH8



MALONE

SPEED7 POWER.... 9 3 PTS4 STEAL3 DUNK9 BLOCK8 PASS5 CLUTCH8



HORNACEK

SPEED6 POWER3 3 PTS8 STEAL4 DUNK0 BLOCK PASS ... CLUTCH6

In non-Taggames, be sure to control Stockton and keep him healthy when it





THE FIRST SECRET CELEBRITY JAM CODES!

Nintendo Power has uncovered the first two secret player celebrity codes for NBA Jam Tournament Edition. We're working on the rest and hope to get them to you next month



President Clinton INITIALS



Frank Thomas

To enter any Secret Player code, begin by going to the game screen where you enter your initials. Enter the three letters marked in the Initial column one at a time. You must also activate each initial by poshing the Start Button and the Button indirated under the Code column. If "N" appears in the Code column, push the A. B. X. or Y Buttons, but don't push Start. For example, to activate the first initial of the Frank Thomas code, SOX BNA, you'd enter the initial "S" then gosh Start and the B Button, Activate the second initial for Frank Thomas "O" by pushing A. B. X or Y. Finally, enter the initial "X" and push Start and the A Button. After entering each initial and activating it with its Code, you'll bring up the Secret Player.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Eastern Conference teams are a bit weaker on the whole than the Western teams, but some of the best players are there. Shaq isn't, and that's something to keep in mind if

you're expecting to find him. If you want a strong team, go with Chicago, New York, Cleveland or Orlando. Atlanta and Charlotte also field strong trios.

ATLANTA HAWKS

The Hawks are a bit weak Atlantallawks from beyond the three point line, but they have most of the other bases covered. Any pairing of the Hawks will result in a solid team.



WILLIS

SPEED6 3 PTS3 DUNK8

POWER9 STEAL0 BLOCK9 CLUTCH1



BLAYLOCK

SPEED8 3 PTS5 DUNK3

POWER8 STEAL8 BLOCK4 CLUTCH7



AUGMON

POWER7 STEAL3 BLOCK7 CLUTCH8

PLAYER PICKS

Willis and Augmon make up the best duo. Willis's weakness in the Clutch category may haunt you at the end of the game, but with any luck you won't be in a close contest.



Keep Willis under the beautiful to be can pound the boards. Blaylock delivers defense. He also throws a mean outlet pass.

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

Between Mourning and Johnson, you'll have five of the eight categories covered with top ratings, but outside shooting is not among those strengths.



JOHNSON

SPEED8 POWER9
3 PTS5 STEAL3
DUNK9 BLOCK8



MOURNING

SPEED7 POWER9
3 PTS5 STEAL4
DUNK8 BLOCK9



BOGUES

SPEED9 POWER2 3 PTS7 STEAL9 DUNK0 BLOCK2

PLAYER PICKS

Monening packs the most sting on the Hornets roster, Johnson is also very strong. Bogues adds too little to make him a sound choice unless you need to steal the ball.









Bogues' quickness and thieving skills pay off in substitution



Chicago has a strong team, but individually the players have some weaknesses, number one among them Power. The trick to winning with the Bulls is to keep players uninjured.



IPPEN SPEED.....8 3 PTS6 DUNK9 PASS7

POWER.....3 STEAL.....9 BLOCK CLUTCH.....5



ARMSTRONG SPEED......8 POWER.....0 3 PTS9

STEAL.....4 DUNK0 BLOCK0 PASS.....5 CLUTCH.....9



KUKOC SPEED.....6 3 PTS6 DUNK2 PASS.....9

POWER.....4 STEAL7 BLOCK7 CLUTCH.....9

Any combination except Armstrong and Kukoc is pretty good. The best bet is to choose





Miller and Mills have identical stats, which should suggest that they can be played with equal confidence. Dumars is a clean up guy.



DUMARS

SPEED.....8 POWER.....3 3 PTS.....7 STEAL.....4 DUNK0 BLOCK. PASS.....5 CLUTCH.....8



SPEED.....7 3 PTS6 DUNK6 PASS.

POWER.....6 STEAL CLUTCH....

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS



The Cavs are similar to the Bulls in that the players individually have some weak areas. Daugherty and Wilkins are almost interchangeable. Price is the key, but his Power is low.



PRICE SPEED.....8 3 PTS9 DUNK PASS......7

POWER.....2 STEAL9 BLOCKO



DAUGHERTY SPEED.....7 POWER.....6

3 PTS3 STEAL3 DUNK8 BLOCK7 PASS.....4 CLUTCH.....6



WILKINS

SPEED.....6 POWER.....6 3 PTS3 STEAL....2 DUNK BLOCK9 PASS......6 CLUTCH.....6

Team Price with Daugherty and choose Price as your player. You might have to substitute, but make our e Price is in the game at the a ---.



Dumars may be the Clutch player, but the strengths of Miller and Mills together out-







SPEED.....7 PASS.....

POWER.....6 STEAL.. BLOCK.

INDIANA PACERS

Pacers

POWER.....8

STEAL1

BLOCK8

CLUTCH.....6

The Pacers are only average when it comes to talent. Miller provides the offense while Smits and McKey add specialty skills. Watch out for Miller's health.



MILLER SPEED.....7

SPEED......7 POWER.....4 3 PTS9 STEAL......5 DUNK5 BLOCK4 PASS6 CLUTCH....8



NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITION

If you want a challenge, choose the Bucks. This is a team without great strength, so selecting a combo is important. Minimize your use of Baker.



MURDOCK

SPEED......8 POWER....5
3 PTS.....8 STEAL.....4
DUNK.....3 BLOCK......1
PASS......2 CLUTCH....5



DAY



BAKER SPEED......7 3 PTS4 DUNK7

POWER.....2 STEAL......2 BLOCK9 CLUTCH....2



MCKEY SPEED......3

SPEED.....2

3 PTS.....2

DUNK4

SPEED......3 POWER.....6 3 PTS......2 STEAL......4 DUNK......6 BLOCK......4 PASS......7 CLUTCH....2

PLAYER PICKS

Go with Miller for his offense and team him with McKey. Use Smits only for injury





Murdock a

Murdock and Day make the best pair, which isn't saying much. Use Turbu on defense to compensate for poor blocking.





BOSTON

The glory days of the Celts are long gone and Wilkins, Brown and Radja aren't likely to restore them. You'll have to sub with all three.



WILKINS

SPEED......8 POWER.....3
3 PTS6 STEAL......4
DUNK9 BLOCK8
PASS2 CLUTCH8





SPEED......8 3 PTS......7 DUNK......8

POWER.....1 STEAL......6 BLOCK......2 CLUTCH....9

PLAYER PICKS

Wilkins is the best, so choose him. Team him with Radja, who can shoot long and steal the ball. Brown can relieve Wilkins if necessary







RADJA SPEED......5 3 PTS9

POWER.....5 STEAL......8 BLOCK......4 CLUTCH....4

MIAM . HEAT

A lack of Power is the biggest problem with the Heat-apparently they can't take it. You'll have to sub in and out every quarter to keep these guys healthy



MINE SPEED.....

DUNK PASS7

POWER. 2
STEAL7
BLOCK6
CHITCH



RICE SPEED.....7 3 PTS9 DUNK6

POWER.... STEAL.....4 BLOCK4 PASS.....5 CLUTCH.....8



SMITH SPEED...... 3 PTS6 DUNK8 PASS.....7

POWER.... STEAL.....7 BLOCK6 CLUTCH.....8

Since you're going to switch between all three, it doesn't really matter who you use. Rice may the best her to use down the stretch.





NEW YORK

With his dominating center play, Ewing is the Knicks' backbone, but Starks adds speed and a dangerous, outside shooting threat.



SPEED.....7 3 PTS4 DUNK9

POWER.....8 STEAL....4 BLOCK9 CLUTCH.....9



STARKS 3 PTS8 DUNK7 PASS.

POWER.....2 STEAL... BLOCK...

NEW JERSEY

The Nets have lots of holes to fill, but you won't find help with the standard trio. Outside shooting is a weakness, as is defense. Fortunately, Coleman is good enough to keep things interesting.



COLEMAN

SPEED.....7 POWER.....9 3 PTS.....7 STEAL.....2 BLOCK.....8 DUNK8 PASS.....4 CLUTCH.....8



ANDERSON

SPEED.....9 POWER.... 3 PTS.....7 STEAL .. DUNK0 BLOCK.....1 PASS.....8 CLUTCH.....7



SPEED.....6 POWER.....9 3 PTS4 STEAL....4 DUNK BLOCK4 PASS...

Begin and end with Coleman, giving him a break in the third quarter. Edwards is comistent, but use Anderson for Clutch





Ewing and Starks combined rate all eights and nines. They are unstoppable. Substitute Out to make third mark







POWER.... STEAL1 BLOCK.



This team isn't the same without Shaq, but it's still pretty good. Clutch play is the biggest question mark, so make sure you keep the players healthy with a comfortable lead or you may run into trouble.



HARDAWAY SPEED.....9 POWER

3 PTS8 STEAL. DUNK3 BLOCK PASS.....8 CLUTCH....



GRANT SPEED......6

POWER.... 3 PTS.....1 STEAL.....2 BLOCK9 DUNK8 PASS.....2 CLUTCH.....7



ANDERSON

SPEED.....7 POWER.....6 3 PTS9 STEAL.....8 DUNK BLOCK6 PASS..... CLUTCH....4

Hardaway is the clear choice, but his Power is low, so he'll take some abuse. Anderson pulse well with both Hardaway and Grant





HINGTON

Washington's looking pretty good now that Webber has joined up. Power is a big problem, however, with his two teammate choices.



SPEED......8 POWER.... 3 PTS4 STEAL3 DUNK8 BLOCK8 PASS7 CLUTCH....5



CHEANEY

POWER.... STEAL7

Ders

Speed, Clutch, Steal, and three-point rankings are all low for Philly. That means you're going to have to rely on the power of Bradley and Weatherspoon inside.



SPEED.....5 POWER.... 3 PTS6 STEAL.....3 BLOCK .. DUNK6 CLUTCH...



POWER.... SPEED.....3 3 PTS3 STEAL.....3 BLOCK9 DUNK9 PASS.....6 CLUTCH....1



MALONE

POWER.....2 SPEED......6 3 PTS.....5 STEAL.....5 DUNK5 BLOCK. CLUTCH....

You'll have to give substantial playing time to all three 76ers. Select Weatherspoon and itch between Bradley and Malon





Webber is the man to use in D.C. You'll have to switch between Cheaney and Skiles, but Chemical in superiors experiedly at the emil







3 PTS9 DUNK0 PASS7

POWER... STEAL.....8 BLOCK.....1 CLUTCH.....6

NBA ROOKIES

The Rookie team selection is tucked into the bottom of the second column of teams in the Western Conference menu, but the Rookies shouldn't be your second choice. The freshmen present more of a challenge because their



In multi-player match ups, the player with Montross should stay under the basket and go for blocks and dunks. Kidd has solid skills all down the line. If you're playing with Montross, use Turbo to hoof down the court so you're not out of the play.

MONTROSS







Dumas is one of the best rookies to play He has speed, shooting ability and decent defensive skills. Montross adds a power element and both players are pretty good in the clutch

DUMAS & MONTROSS







Montross again plays the heavy, blocking shots and dunking the ball. Your teammate, Rose, will give you some extra shooting ability and speed, plus he's a good passer. Rose is easily injured, so

check out his stats after every quarter ONTROS







Hill rates sixes and sevens in every category, making him a real powerhouse among the rookie ranks. The slower Montross won't add much to this team, but you wan't need much since Hill's skills will keep you close







This is one of the stronger rookie teams. Since Kidd is your guy, make sure you keep him in the faces of opponents to get the steal. The weaknesses on this team are blocking and dunking, but they aren't ma or problems







numbers tend to be lower. If you can beat one of the NBA's best duos with a team of Rookies, you've earned major bragging rights. Whatever your style of play, the 20 combinations of Rookies cover all the bases.



Playing with Rose puts you at a slight disadvantage, so to make up for it, always look for the pass to your teammate, Kidd. Rose has excellent passing skills, so the outlet or the pass under the basket are both effective means of helping out.







Kidd makes any teammate look good, especially when he is already as sharp as Hill. There are no real weaknesses in this duo. Keep them healthy and they'll take you to the end of the game. Check out Kidd's reverse kick lay-up

KIDD &







Blocking and dunking aren't the strongest areas for these two players. Concentrate on stealing, passing to the open man, and getting down court ahead of your opponents. Also, watch out for contact since both guys have medium Power ratings.

DUMAS







This is another strong lineup. You've got all the bases covered with Hill He has a nice outside shot to back up his strong dunking skills. Dumas also has speed, so look for the outlet pass when you snag a rehound







This is a middle-of-the-road match. Neither player has a real weakness nor an exceptional ability. Look for Hill to get down court a bit quicker. Rose is a good passer, so make use of that, Both players can steal, too









CIDD & MONT







This team covers most of the bases. Pass the ball from Dumas to Montross when he gets into the key. That will set up an easy Turbo

jam. Dumas also pumps in baskets from a distance with some reg-







Challenge yourself with this team. You don't have any exceptional abilities and Montross has no outside shooting skills. Since Rose is a good passer, he can feed the ball down low to Montross, assuming you give Montross time to get there

& MON







As the more versatile player, Hill passes in to Montross or takes the outlet pass from him. He's fast and can get open easily. Go to Hill in the clutch from medium range. Use the Tag option to get the most out of this or any team







This team has several holes that won't be easily filled Curley's ratings fall mainly in the middle ranks, except that he's good in the

clutch As a teammate, Robinson offers good dunking and decent shooting Lock for Robinson to shoot the ball







hen choosing a team from the Rookie list for players with complementary skills. For instance ing rating, that means you'll be able to run the fast

Jones and Reeves rank in the middle of most of the eight skill categories. Don't expect great fireworks, but don't expect to get blown out, either Fast breaks are possible with Reeves throwing the long ball to Jones







Mobiley dunks and blocks. That's it. Use your Turbo to move him up. and down the court before the play is over. Marshall adds some outside shooting ability, but not enough to make it a factor for this

MOBLEY & MARSHA







Dare's three-point shot would make a brick look light and airy. He blocks and dunks with power, however. Neither of these two play ers excels at passing. If you're playing against a stealing team watch out!







Thomoson falls into the Stockton mold of outside shooters who can also steal the ball, but who have low Power ratings. Injuries play a big role if you choose this team. Chances are that you'll

have to switch to another team, then come back.







Person has a terrific outside shot and pretty mediocre skills in every other category. McKie doesn't dunk, either, so pass the ball around and look for the most open shot available to max out your long distance percentage

& McKIE





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Jamming without codes is like swimming without water—it's a bit dry. Acclaim made sure that tournament Jam would make a splash. This month we're showing the NBA Secret Player codes of the guys at Iquana and Williams who worked on the game. Next month, we'll swamp you with the remaining Celebrity and Acclaim codes.

These NBA personalities (and mascotalities) can't be found in the regular team selections, but they can add a spark to the game.



Larry Bird



Carol Blazekowski









Bulls' Mascot CODE



Hornets' Mascot











Suns' Mascot





IGUANA

NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITION

These are the code jockeys at Iquana who put the codes, and everything else, into NBA Jam Tournament Edition.



Milo Stubbington



Chris Kirby cone



Jason INITIALS













Neil Hill



Jay Moon



Snake Palmer







Now you can jam with the guys at Williams who produced the arcade games and helped develop the SNES version.



Mark Turmell



Sal Divita











Jamie



Shawn Liptak CODE

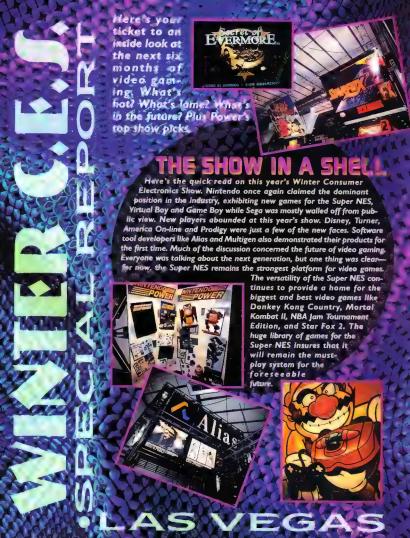


John Cariton













The editors of Nimendo Power tailled up all their bollots and came up with the ten top Super NES hits of the show and the top five Game Boy picks. It's important to remember that some of the games included on the list were early versions. In those cases, we judged each game on what we actually saw at C.E.S., on the past track record of the developers, and on other factors like originality and depth. These

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Stor Fox 2 is bigger and better than the original hit in every category. Tournament Jan rocks.
(See the article in this issue.) Metal Warriars has some of the most unusual two-player action of any game. StarGate looks and plays like a Super Stor Wars title. Secret of Evermore includes lots of potential, with Square's reputation for excellent adventures. International Superstar Soccer challenges the best and beats them all, including FIFA. Comenche has two-player modes like you've never feramed. Weapon Lord uses counter options that

will keep even the best players on their toes. Mega Man 7 returns to

the classic look and moves of the original NES series, but there are some surprises, too. FX Fighter has one of the premier polygon game developers working on it.

Donkey Kong Land does for Game Boy and Super Game Boy what Donkey Kong Country did for the Super NES: it makes it look better than it ever has before. Kirby's Dream Land 2 combines a very big game in a little package. Playmates' Earthworm Jim provides the same wild game as the Super NES version for players on the go. Virgin wasn't showing its syo titles in Vegas. but they are on the way, and we have seen them here as Nintendo. Both games are of top quality.

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Other games that impressed us

with their potential for fun included Phantom 2040 from Viacom. At about 40% completion, Phantom looked quite promising, but we will need to see more of the game before giving it the thumbs up. Mask, a Malibu gome, also looked

of the game before giving it the thumbs up. Mask, a Malibu game, also looked interesting in the early stages. We'll be sure to keep an eye on it. Dirt Trax FX and Future Zone from Electro Brain both have come a long way. A Mode 7 Zone there seminded up the SEA WILLIAM.

flying sequence was finished in Future Zone that reminded us of the Star Wars games. Playmates showed Deep Space 9 and Mutant Chronicles. The Chronicles looked like a particularly bloody Contra game, but only two areas were complete. Super Turrican 2 from Ocean is a Metroid wanna-be that goes some of the distance toward that goal, but not all the way. Prehistorik Man from Titus is another funky cove man. (If prehistoric life had really been as cool as it is partrayed in this game, mankind would never have evalved beyond furry shorts.) Interplay's Boogerman will be a hit with players who get a kick out of bodily fluids. Bust A Mover—Tairo's deceptively simple puzzle game—looked like a winner, too. Kyle Petty's No Fear Racing wasn't shown on the floor, but Williams gave Power a developmental copy of the game for evaluation. The potertial is there.

On the Game Boy side of the aisle, we should also mention Konami's Animaniacs, which is based on the Genesis game of the same name rather than on the more active Super NES title. Still, the simpler action is more suited to the Game Boy. T*HQ and its stable of EA titles will be one of the biggest suppliers of Super Game Boy action over the next six

months. In the lineup are FIFA Soccer, PGA European Tour, and the Strike series of chopper attack games.

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7. Comanche	Nintendo	30%		
Weapon 1	Namco	85%		
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Earthworm limit	Playmate	78%
Lion Kine	Firein .	-
Aladon		1000
Anadamii .	Virgin	100%



Virtual Boy made its

THEY'RE SEEING RED

American debut in Las Vegas featuring improved

versions of Space Pinball and Teleroboxing, two of Nintendo's 3-D

games shown in Japan in November. In addition to those two games, visitors viewed several other game demos on modified TV screens. Those new titles included two

viewed several other game demos on modified IV screens. I hose new trucs included two space flyers and a Mario game with both side-scrolling and overhead views. Other demos inclused an underwater scene showing a dolphin, a racer and a top view shooter. In addition to the

demo games, Kemco announced the development of Virtual League Baseball and T&E

Soft and Hudson Soft of Japan revealed that they are working on several Virtual Boy games each. American third-party licensees also began to line up

THE DREAM TEAM S A DREAM COME TRUE

The Nemono Ultro Sci "dream earn move includes Software Circations, a British company known for innovative gaines and contings side video game sound and mustication state of the side of

an other dream team news, Silicon Graphics has greet to assort Alias am Wavefront, two of the leading graphic tool developers for Silic computers, SS will satip a new subsidiary that combine the resources of both authorize componies. Alias, based in Canada, is one of the key partners of his NU 64 dream taxin craphics tools for NU 64 developers paraphics tools for NU 64 developers paraphics tools for NU 64 developers in the component of the component wavefront also develope high-and graph ics activates for use on SSI computers Nitedod Utta 64 game developers should reap the benefits of this awesome corpociate combo.

THE TOP FIVE RUMORS AT W.C.E.S

tex where alien beings have gathered to

 Saveral 300 units were discovered missing from a store. Although a clerk insists that they were purchased, the search for the missing units continues.

3. Mortal Kombat IV is in secret development in an airplane hanger somewhere in the case.

2. Silicon Graphics workstations have to the second to the story of the end of the Grant cours period and dinks due the sudden extination or dinesairs who discovered that it was easy dues.

 Sega has this great come-back game idea featuring two burros playing tennis and tentatively titled, Donkey Pong Communication n shird-party licensees also began to line up behind the extraordinary 3-D banner of Virtual Boy, Nintendo made the Virtual Boy development systems available following W.C.E.S. so American development is now underway. One of the attractive features of the new system is said to be the simplicity of programming for it, which should mean that a wealth of new games is just ahead. Power is also working with the developers of the Virtual Boy system to bring you the first true images of

Virtual Boy's 3-D game environment. We hope to have the first pictures in the next issue of Nintendo Power.

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The CD-ROM based systems including Saturn, 3DO and the Sony Playstation are set to squabble among themselves this summer. But gamers who want the ultimate gaming experience will have to wait until the fall; that's when the Nintendo Ultro 64 will be released. Players and developers are already in owe of the first NU 64 arcade games, Killer Instinct and Cruis 'N USA. But as good as those two games are, they are only a drop in

THE NEXT GENERATION

the bucket of what the system can do. On the other hand, the more limited graphics processing capabilities and slow access speeds of the CD-ROM systems will make it more difficult for them to compete directly with the Nintendo Ultra 64. Games that appear on multiple platforms like the Saturn or Playstation will be substantially similar. But neither of those systems will be able to match or even come close to the graphics quality and effects of the NU 64. An emulation of NU 64 graphics was shown at WCES. The animated sequences from Sillicon Graphics were beyond anything we've ever seen on home systems or in arcades. This was the cutting edge technology shat SGI has promised all along. It is now a reality. In fact, the silicon chips—the CPU and GPU of the NU 64—are finished. Take it from the source. The Nintendo Ultra 64 is an schedule and it is awesome beyond the belief of mortal game players.

We have also learned of several more NU 64 titles that will be released at or around the launch of the new system next fall. One will be Top Gun from Spectrum Halobyte. Although games based on Top Gun will appear for the other next generation platforms, the Nintendo Ultra 64 game will be unique, emphosizing extraordinary graphics in an arcade-like combat flight game. Several Japanese licensees are also working on titles thet we can't announce just yet, but the games range from action to RPG. We expect of least a dozen exclusive NU 64 titles to be released soon after the launch.



BAHLENG GROWS

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onami brings you a new way to test your mettle this month with Metal Warriors, a sci-fi shoot'em-

up set in the 21st Century, when the earth is united under a single, global gov-ernment. The technology of the future is both a blessing and a curse, providing an enhanced quali-ty of life as well as frighteningly powerful weapons, which, in the

wrong hands, become instruments of terror. The game features two modes, for either solo or headto-head play. The one-player mode includes nine missions, and the two-player mode gives players a chance to practice using the six different kinds of robotic armor against backdrops

that come from different sections of the game. Although Metal Warrior doesn't break any new ground in terms of story or game play, it's fun to hop into the armor and blast electronic baddies off the face of the future earth.



BATTLE BASICS

s the game begins, the United Earth Government (U.E.G.) is under attack by the forces of the Dark Axis, You'll be sent to rescue a co-worker who is being held inside enemy territory. Although you begin the first mission equipped with only the basic Nitro droid, you'll find others along the way that you can use to continue. There are six in all, and each has unique strengths and weaknesses. You must decide how to use each of the droids to your best advantage as you pick your way through each new area. Sometimes the extra armor is hidden in hard-to-find places.

ithout the massive armor. your character is tiny and nearly defenseless, so stay inside whenever you can. There will be times, however, when you'll have to get out to flip switches or explore small areas where the droids can't go. Outside the armor. you can take only 10 hits. Move quickly and return to the armor as soon as you can. You'll recover once you're back inside.



efore you exit the armor, check your surroundings. If you leave it unattended when there are small enemy characters around, they can hop into the armor and use it to attack you. If you're leaving damaged armor behind, destroy it so that they can't use it. If you have to leave your armor temporarily to accomplish a task, park it where enemies can't reach it so you can return to it later.







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ress the Start Button to bring a map up on the screen. It will show corridors and hidden rooms that you might not notice otherwise. Even though it may appear that some rooms are out of reach, you can get to them if you find the right routes.





FIND THE POST

earch out Ports whenever you need to repair your droid. The Ports continually produce items, usually Repair Units. You can stand there and pick up as many healing items as you need. Remember their locations and return to them when you've sustained



n Mission One, Rescue at Axis 5, you must enter enemy territory to rescue Agent Marissa. The red circles on the maps show where randomly-determined items are

There's an extra battledroid on the ledge There is an extra particular on the lenge here. You can only use one suit at a time and you might not need to change right now, but remember that it's here in case you suffer heavy damage later.



SPIDER SUIT



You'll find a Spider Suit at the end of this long cerrider, but you'll have to blast through several drums to get to it. Pick up a Rocket

Downcher and start blasting, but he careful when you near the end of the certifor. Den't blast the suit

PRINCEPLE

Although you might not realize it immediately, if you wait for the elevater to go back up, you can jump deven to the left and pick up a Power-Up in this small pik. Wait for the elevater to come dewn and. go back up before exiting to the right.



fter you prove yourself in Mission One, the commander will challenge you to lead the boarding party for Mission Two, which takes you inside an enemy space station. When you first arrive at the station, you'll be mee by a less than-welcoming party of Dark Axis goards who

are patrolling the entrance.

CARTHE CAMOUS

Cannens guard the entrance to the Dark Azia station. Pick up the Power-Ups right away and eso the rockets you gain to destroy the four cannons outside. Before you enter the station, you can fly up to the upper level to get a weapon Power-Up if you want to.



PINOTHE PORT

Enter the station and fly down to the right. You'll find a Port there, where you can get Repair Kits to fix any damage you've suffered this far. Destroy



the enemy through the small hall to the right before

USE_OR

DESTRUY
Thore's an extra battledroid here, Since you just repaired your your droid, you prehably den't need it. If you don't, be sure to destroy it immediately so that the sure to destroy it immediately so that the hep into it and

use it to attack

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METAL WARRIORS

Plan shead before continuing to the right. Drop to the lewest roam on the left and destray the bazoeka shoetar here before you go back up and blast the cannon above. If you wait to attack the bazooka skoeter until you're just above it, yeu'll suffer serious damage.





Pick up the Racket Launcher, thee hurry to the right. Use a rocket to blast through the dram between yea and the Pewer-Up on the right. If you're fast, you can take the Pewer-Up and firs another rocket through the wall to the right.







ESCIPIES
Save your teammate and continue
fewon the contridor to the left, blasting
your way frough the blocks as you
you. The contridor teads to an exit free
the base. Leave the crumbing mees
behind and lead for the mether ship
and much decerved turker.





WEAPON POWER
Go down to the right, get the Rocket Launcher from
the Pewer-Up centrainer, then harry banck up to the
first Blast through the missible on the left to reach
the vener-Up Contrainer on the ledge. It helds a
Level 4 weapon Power-Up.

BLAST THE CRATE

You'll probably take several hits before you get down to this area. If you need to repair your battle-droid, blost through the cratos to reach the Power-Up on the other side. It helds a much-needed Repair Kir.



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eral exemies, too. Make haste! Hurry to the right and either use ar destroy the droids before the enemies can jump into them. If they man them before you get there, you'll have a tough road alead.



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MISSIGNETHREE

he U.E.D. intends to put you to the test in Mission Three, dubbed the "War on the Rock." Forces of the Dark Axis are attacking one the earth's most vital power stations. If they destroy the generators at the core of the station, the earth will surely

fall. The U.E.D .- and all of the earth's inhabitants-are counting on you to protect the station and repel the attack-

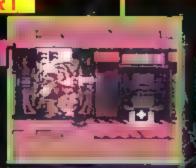
ers. You'll have to make judicious use of the battledroids at your disposal to succeed.

ATTRUKTHE SHIP



When you repel the attackers and exit the base, you'll find a Dark Axis ship hovering at the entrance. Using the Promothous battledroid, destroy the three turrets on top of the ship with fire, then kep out of the suit and enter. Defeat the enemies inside.

You'll revisit the Port several times furing this mission. Be sure to repair any damage to your Premetheus armor before attacking the ship at the end.



Protect the cores—at least one must remain at the end of the battle. You'll begin in the Nitro suit. Get the Prometheus suit in the lower right.

VISSIENEECE,

fter you take over the Dark Axis ship in Mission Three, you'll have to defend it. If the

enemy can't control the ship, they'll try to destroy it. Your armor for this episode is the Prometheus battle-

droid, which, while powerful, is bulky and difficult to maneuver quickly. The key to succeeding is being in the right place at the

Shine!



right time. Pick one point of defense and protect it at all costs.



If you walk to the left from the beginning, you'll find a Pewer-Up centainer that holds a Rocket Launcher. The Prometheus dreid has serious firepewer of its own, but it never hurts to have some extra energy to hura, so pick it up.

or Mission Five, code-named "Frontal Assault," you'll be sent to the remote and icy regions of Alaska. Although the area is sparsely populated, you'll find that plenty of Dark Axis agents are present

and ready to wreak havoc. In this mission, you'll learn to use a new kind of battledroid, Ballistic. And you'd better learn quickly-you'll need its special abilities to meet the challenges ahead.

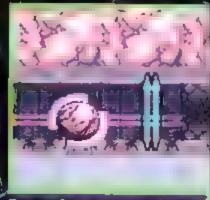
Starteuith

When you begin, you'll be using Nitre armer. Bulldoze through enemies to the right, then jump out of the Nitro suit and ge back to the left to get the Ballistic dreid, a special heavy-assauk dreid equipped with a High Energy Plasma Canaon. It is both powerful and maneuverable.





Ballistic draid is armed with both the Plasma Cannon and a machine gun. It's an awesome suit of armer.



Press A to power charge Ballistic, then press the Cen Pad to send it off at high sad It flattens everything in the w



There is Havec armor here, but remember that it can't fly well. Use it to clear out the enemies in the next area, then

Enemy fire is fact and furious in this certifor. Return to the port if you need to repair your draid before continuing

MISSION

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you've undertaken this far, and it's the most brutal, as well.





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ENEMY STRATEGY

Seeking Bullets are in the centainer on the left and a Repair Kit is in the one on the right. The Seeking Bullets target the enemy droids and hone in on their own. They're very useful in this battle.

The enemies know their own ship. They can render it useless by destroying all of the gan turners on its deck, and they'll attack in swams to try to de just that. Be sure to collect the Power-Ups before they disappear.



SAVE THE TURRET

You can't save all of the turrets; in fact, you'll be lucky to save even one. That's all you need to de to successfully complete the mission, so stay on the right and firs away. Use Air Missiles, too, to target the enomies evertheed.



REPHIR UNITS

While you're capable of dishing out lots of damage in this stage, the exemies here can reciprocate. They're well-armed, too, When you take damage, be sure to stop and locate one of the three Repair Kits hidden in the area. Fix your droid, then continue



DER DESCRIPTION OF

di line





When you reach this narrow tunnel, it'll be time to hid farewell to your Nitre droid. Exit the droid, enter the corridor, then thy up and out. When you emerge outside, you'll find a Ballistic droid. Use its heavy weapenry en the well-armed ensenies ahead.

















DROME DANGER

The small drones are more dangerous then they first appear to be. They may be small, but they suck sorious rocket tauenchers. Approach them with caution. Don't waste time sheoting. Use your salare on them instead. Destroy them all before moving on to the next area.

GET II NEW DROID

Use the Ballistic droid to blast the powerful cannons that black the way, the leave the Ballistic suit behind and fly all the way up the tend to get the Spider droid. Yer'll use it as you enter the next section of Mission Sic. where new challenges await.

You must leave the Ballistic to accomplish your next poal. Park the Ballistic on the bridge here. Go through the narrow passage to get the Havoc droid, bon fly up and destroy the two cannons in the upper left. Feturn the Havoc armor to where you got it, then return te the Ballistic droid.



Ballistic and fire a Plasma shot at the Grenade Launcher. To destrey the cannon, fire into the opening with a partially powered-up Plasma shot.

THE U.E.D. HAS More in Store

The Dark Axis isn't done with earth yet, so the U.E.D. will be asking for your help in three more missions—after you complete the two remaining sections of Mission Six. The coming missions are even more complex than this lengthy trial, and they're more brutal, too. Mission Seven is code-named "Fire," and "The Tower" awaits in Mission Eight. Finally, duty calls for a mysterious mission referred to only as the "Final Assault," where only the most adept metal warriors, the survivors, will fight for ultimate control.





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should expect?

According Robert Jerauld of Enix America, who is working on the U.S. version of Ogre Battle, "It's like a new game every time you play. When you meet new characters, it opens up new story lines that may reveal entirely new game areas. There are 12 known story lines and 10 known endings, but that's only what has

been discovered so far." The game features 200 fully animated characters, 80 of which can join your army. Robert estimates most players will spend at least 100 hours on the game. Another innovative aspect of Ogre Battle is that the

game's artificial intelligence can gies for playing Ogre Battle.

match your skill level. As you get better, the game gets tougher. We'll take a closer look next month at strate-

THE NEW SOURCE FOR ADVENTURE GAMERS

Now there's one place to look for all the news and game play info on adventure and RPG games: Nintendo Power's Epic Center.

his month Nintendo Power begins a new feature dedicated to adventure and RPG gamers. The Epic Center will



appear monthly and cover the news, the new games and the strategies that adventure gamers want. If you're already an avid adventurer, you'll find news and previews on upcoming epics plus strategies on games that you may be playing already. For gamers new to the world of adventure, Epic Center will cover new titles in depth with maps, strategies to get you started and winning advice to help you throughout the game. We'll also go straight to the source of the games and talk to the developers to get the inside story. The adventure is just beginning...



In Japan, Ogre Battle became one of the most beloved strategy RPGs of all time by combining a deep game with tons of replay value and fully animated battle scenes. The game was released in Japan by Quest back in March of '93. Since its release, over 350,000 copies of Ogre Battle have sold in Japan. That's a hit on either side of the Pacific when it comes to RPGs. Ogre Battle has also continued to show up on the Top 10 lists of popular games in Japan since its release. So what is driving Ogre Battle's success, and

INVADES THE U.S.

SQUARE SOFT CALENDAR

Square Soft plans to release three major adventure or RPG games beginning this summer, enough to keep even diehard adventurers happy. Here are the approximate release dates for Square's hot lineup of new adventure games for 1995.

Secret of Evermore Chrono Trigger Secret of Mana II

lune July October The cartoon fantasy is coming to life in a sweeping adventure game from Enix.

King Arthur & The Knights of Justice

Our first Epic Center developer focus zooms in on King Arthur & the Knights of Justice from Enix. Manley & Associates is breaking ground with this game as the first American developer of a major adventure for Enix. What does the developer have to say about its baby? Read on.



Imost two years in the making, Knights of Justice is closing in on the final version at last. A game of this size (20 Megabits) and complexity (8 regions) is bound to run into problems, especially when it is the first adventure RPG for Enix produced outside Japan. Enix and Manley have stayed the course, though, and the result is an adventure ripe with real-time battles, piles of puzzles, large regions to explore and a story of truly epic scope.

Although based on the

Knights of Justice cartoon, the game includes many elements from Arthurian legends The story begins with

Morgana having imprisoned King Arthur and his knights in the Cave of Glass. The only way for Arthur King and his displaced football team to break the spell

is to collect the 12 keys of Truth. Morgana and her warlords have stolen most of the Keys that the warlords rely on for strength in battle. The Knights must collect all 12 Keys then defeat Morgana in order to return to their own time. Merlin acts as your adviser from his room in Camelot, where you wall returns the strength of the st

will return of ten.

THE QUESTING KNIGHTS

The game play is based on the idea of quests. Arthur and two of the twelve knights head out with a basic quest that has been given to them by Merlin. During the course of searching, fighting, collecting and so forth, they

will learn of other tasks that they must perform. Nothing is free in Arthurian England. If you meet a character, chances are

you'll have to prove your worthiness to him or her by performing a task. Making things even more interesting is the fact that each of the knights has special attacks or abilities, so choosing the right party for a certain quest is yery important. The range



of battle, as you'll soon learn, includes forest baddies like bees and wandering black knights, right up to dragons and Morgana's warlords.





What were some of the biggest problems that the Knighsteam ran into? Khanh Le, executive producer of the game, notes that the game was originally a 16 megabit Pak, but that midway through development they realized how much more stuff they wanted to include. Back they went to the drawing board.

The result was another 4 megs of memory, more puzzles, more art, more enemies and even more story. To Sam Deasy, project programmer, big headaches came from every direction: "Game balance. Interesting scenery. Managing the data." Phil Holt, the game designer, felt that the hardest part was coming up with new puzzles for each of the regions. "They had to be fun and challenging, but not repetitive." The team of more



than two dozen artists, programmers, musicians and other staff gathered ideas from a wealth of sources including the Knights of Justice scripts and many books. T.H. White's The Book of Merlyn and the Medieval Fables of Marie de France were just two volumes

on a long research list. They needed all that detailed knowledge in order to create the dozens of interlocking puzzles that surround each of the central eight puzzles.

They also had to bearn about medieval weapons and armor to create the graphics, and unlock the mysteries of magic lore in order to design the many spells, potions and charms used throughout the game.

If you think making a game is easy, just ask these guys. In all they designed

eight map regions, 26 different types of enemies, eight bosses, ten castles, 24 individual weapons, two village areas, musical scores and sound effects for different locations and characters, animation for every character and enemy, cinema scenes to begin the game and screen text for following the story and learning valuable information.



One of the most important jobs was to balance the game between fighting action and puzzles. According to both Sam and Phil, they concentrated more heavily on the puzzle aspect, but they feel that there's plenty of action, too. When asked what other games influenced their design, the answer was unanimous: "Zelda." You can tell. One quest leads to another and another and another until you're totally hooked.

THE BEST OF THE QUEST

We also asked the design team what they liked most about their game. Both Phil and Sam thought that the dragon battles were some of the most exciting moments. The final battle with Morgana's dragon got both of their votes. As for cool enemies, Sam liked the

Blackwing, one of the bose characters. When it came to difficulty, Phil says the warlords take the cake. They're tough and they attack in groups. In a few more months you'll be able to cast your own votes on, your favorite parts of the game, because King Arthur & The Knights of Justice is finally on its way.



FLEE, EARTHLINGS!

It's horrifying! It's horrific! It's horrible! It comes from Japan—home of Godzilla, Rodan, Mothra and rice. It's scary, too, with zombies and aliens and man-dicing kitchen implements! It's Earth-Bound from Nintendo, and it's coming to the Super NES this June. Be prepared to play!

EARTHISOUND

Who will save planet Englishers the ravages of The Geek? Who will surrure through space and time? Who else but you!







Although EarthBound appears to be a harmless RPG, featuring modern settings and a sci-fi theme, sources inside Nintendo report that, in fact, the game "zombifies" players. Nintendo spokespersons refused to comment, repeating only, "Must play! Must play! Inquirer staff members have uncovered that the sprawling game covers huge areas and includes funky enemies such as an evil gasoline pump. Speculation suggests that the Game Pak's battery backed memory may actually control an alien signalling device. Our investigative reporters are on the scene.

NIGHT OF UFO TERROR PLAGUES ONETT

The people of the small American town of Onett passed a night of intergalactic terror recently when an object of extraterrestrial origin crashed in a pasture near the town. Police barricaded the site, but citizens reported seeing strange lights

in the sky both before and after the incident. Was this just a meteorite or was it actually a downed UFO? Unnamed, unusual activities have since been reported in the area.

GEEK INVADES!!! BOY, 13, ONLY HOPE

Sources at the UFO crash site in Onett have confirmed that the Earth now faces imminent destruction by a ruthless space alien known as the Geek. The plot was uncovered by a 13-year-old boy named Ness after he approached the highly radioactive crash site. Ness hopes to find several heroic companions willing to join with him to fight the interstellar threat. Armed with a broken baseball bat, an ATM card and a cookie, Ness stated, "Ill do my very best to save the planet. I promise."

NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN LIVE ALIENS...DINOSAURS...HEROIC HUMANS...BUGS...PIZZA DELIVERY GUYS...AND MORE!

FOUR COURAGEOUS KIDS FACE ULTIMATE TEST

TEEN HEROES DEFY GALACTIC FIEND



ess, the heroic youth who hopes to save the Earth from an evil alien being said to be more powerful than anything in nature, has joined forces with three other kids-Jeff, Paula and Pu. Odds makers have put their chances of success at somewhere around one hundred billion to one.

NESS TO SAVE

Now that Ness has taken on the challenge of saving the Earth. people want to know what sort of qualifications the young man has. Reports from his hometown seem to indicate that he is resourceful and

makes friends easily. He is also said to have limited Psychic (PSI) powers that can be used in battles or during dodgeball matches. Observers have also noticed marked fond-

ness for

snacks.

PSYCHIC YOUTH

Clinical tests have revealed that Ness, the Onett youth charged with saving the planet from hideous destruction, has psychic abilities. His healing and fighting skills are currently crude, but doctors

believe that

they will

strengthen with repeated use.

Ness' PSI abilities allow him to attack or heal but he must first learn the skills. As he grows stronger, it is believed that he will master new and more powerful PSI skills



TELEPATHY LINKED TO TEEN HERO

Ness's newest companion, Paula, has been linked to the use of PSI powers including the use of telepathy. Telepathy is the ability to communicate over distances using only the mind. Following in the legendary

> starcrossed lovers Link and Zelda. Paula supposedly called Ness telepathically when she was kidnapped recently. Paula refused comment on this.

footsteps of





MORE AMAZING POWERS

The Inquirer has overwhelming evidence that Paula repeatedly proved her ability to use Offense and Defense PSI powers in addition to communicating using telepathy. The evidence

includes evewitness accounts

of PSI attacks. levitation and a trail of bent spoons.





ATM. If he doesn't call his Mom.

his fighting ability suffers.

Although they hate

to see him go, Ness' s

Paula can't use Recover, but she reportedly is strong in the use of Offense and Defense. In addiwithout a phone.



MECHANICAL GENIUS JOINS NESS'S TEAM

The latest reports on Ness and Paula indicate that they have been taken captive in the town of Threek. Unsubstantiated reports are coming in that the son of famed "sane" scientist, Dr. Andonut, has also come to Threek, How Jeff learned about the presence of Paula and

Ness is a mystery since he doesn't subscribe to the Irrational Inquirer, Friends and family say that Jeff has dabbled in every field of engineering: from moped maintenance to nuclear fusion.

He can fi anything or make tools from scrap. But



Brain evolution leads to breakthrough in PSI power.

leff Andonut's medical reports prove that he doesn't have extraordinary powers like those of his companions. Experts suggest, however, that the young man's extraordinary grasp of mechanics may prove even more valuable for the hopes of the planet. "He was like a true-life McGyver," recalled Jeff's



Using scraps and tools found along the road. Jeff can repair tools and create mechanical devices that may help Ness.



A BOY NAMED PU

The fourth member of the wunderkids has been identified. Joining Ness, Paula and Jeff on their heroic

quest is a voung man known as Pu. His search for the others has taken him to the



Summers where he must prove his worthiness. Inquirer researchers have discovered that Pu shares several psy-

chic abilities with his friends.



PSI BOY

The newest of the global defenders, Pu, uses virtually every type of PSI force including Defense, Offense and Recover. Professional seers foretell that he is also destined to make use .

of a special weapon called the Sword of the King.

Pu may be the

most useful of the Fated

Four, but he is also the last to join the gang and he has the most catching up to do to build his experience and strength

SAMARITANS HELP SAVE

Everywhere the selfless young heroes turn they find citizens willing to help in the defense of Earth against the alien onslaught. People give them items or sometimes help in other ways.

DR. **ANDONUTS**

Jeff's father, the "sane" sciantist. invents time machines. space ships tech gadgets

MR. SATURN

In the Saturn Valley, Mr. Saturn will help the Terrific Teens build special machines.



This helpful citizen reportedly makes the best skeleton keys in the world

THE RUNAWAY RROS.

The Bros. tour bus may come in handy for Ness and company.



"THE MOST EXCITING GAME IN THE UNIVERSE"

EARTHBOUND PLAYERS STUNNED BY REALISM AND OTHER GIMMICKS

n a move that's sure to offend millions of game players, Nintendo has thrown out the book on RPGs and replaced fantasy with reality and dozens of other cheap ploys and weird innovations.

JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY

CALL DAD FROM ANY PHONE FOR FAST CASH What are par-

what are parents good for?
A survey of Onett youth answered that question with a resounding MON-

EY! Ness has an ATM card that lets him access his account from many convenient locations.



PIZZA TO GO

In an historic agreement that may go down as the greatest day in fast food history, the world's pizza restaurants have pledged to help save the Earth-From today forward until the Geek is gone, they have agreed to deliver pizzas to Ness no matter where he is in time or space.

SISTER HELPS,

Ness' sister, Tracy, today promised to hold any item belonging to her brother until he requests it and that he will be

charged only a

nominal service



BOOK YOUR

Ness and other world-saving heroes may be busy, but they'll have to call ahead for reservations just like a regular Joe if they want a fine dining experience at a restaurant in EarthBound.



I MOTHER'S LOVE

Eye witnesses to some of Ness' battles have reported a curious phenomenon. At times, Ness falls completely to pieces and seems to apologize for not calling home. "I think he just misses my cookies," says Ness' mom.



SNEAK ATTACK SYSTEM

The designers of EarthBound today revealed the remarkable combat system that allows players to sneak up on enemies to gain an advantage. Players should be warned that this technology allows game enemies to ambush them, as well. Of course good guys and bad guys may also meet head on.

FACE TO FACE

The standard RPG engagement is a Face-To-Face encounter. In EarthBound, you gain no advantage from this scenario. The gray background signals it's an even bout





USEFUL STUFF

Ness and his companions must use whatever weapons and items they can lay their hands on to defeat their enemies and progress in the game.



ENEMY ADVANTAGE

If you attack the enemy from the side or back, you'll gain an attack advantage over it. You'll have to be quick, because the enemies zero in on you. The green screen shows your cunning.





AMBUSHED

If an enemy attacks you when you're looking the wrong way, it will have the first advantage in the battle. The screen will flash red, signaling that you blook it.





NO CONTEST

If you are far more powerful (with higher levels) than an enemy that you meet along the road, you won't even have to fight it, but you'll still get experience points. Build your levels quickly!





WANTED: DEAD, STUFFED OR SCRAMBLED

PREVIEW

Reports of aliens lurking in the countryside around Onett have terrified the public. Other inexplicable phenomena, such as pets running away and police officers behaving oddly, have also been reported. If you see any of these entities, call the Alien Invasion Hotline.



U-PICK

seemingly come to life!

Recent reports claim that EarthBound players can personalize the game with custom names. Players' choices for Food and Cool Thing add even more of a personal touch, especially when they go home to their favorite meals.



STRATEGY

If you're having trouble in your local fantasy world, then the Epic Center is the place to turn. Grab your sword and start hacking!

Final Fantasy III

Finding the right gear for your characters is key to a successful adventure. Here is your guide to finding the best items around!

Finding the Economizer

you equip the Economizer as one of your spellcaster's relics, that character will only use one: magic point when he or she casts any magic spell. Using this relic, in combi- : nation with a Gem Box. allows a magic-user to cast two spells each turn and never run out of magic points! There are two ways you can earn this powerful relic. If you beta Gem Box : in the Colosseum and/win. you'll earn it as a prize. You can also find it on the : island to the west of Triangle Island in the World of Ruin. If you defeat a Brachosaur there, : it sometimes drops the Economizer as a reward.



Bet the Gam Box while you're in the Colosseum. If you win the battle, you receive the Economizer



If you defeat the Brachosaur on the island to the west of Triangle Island, the Economizer might randomly appear.

Finding the Exp. Egg

When characters have the Exp. Egg equipped as a relic, their experience points will grow at twice the normal rate, making it easier to quickly raise their levels. To find the Exp. Egg you must first inscribe the message "The World is Square" backwards on the blank tombstone in Darill's Tomb Take the bottom staircase to the lower floor of the tomb and stand one space below the chest. Walk right through the wall into the secret room and collect the egg. You can win a second Exp. Egg by betting the Tintinabar when you're fighting in the Colosseum.



Write the correct message on the blank tombstone then head for the

Finding the Striker

While the Striker isn't the best weapon for most of your characters, it is instrumental in getting Shadow to join your part. You can only find the Striker inside the Cave in the Veldt, When you

enter the cave, take the top tunnel and continue to the right until you reach the four men Enter the door above the men and take the left tunnel in the next room. Walk down through the wall inside the tunnel, then continue all the way down until you reach the treasure chest. If you found shadow earlier. and if he has already left Thamasa, go to the Colosseum and bet the Striker. Shadow will be your opponent, and if you defeat him, he'll join your party.



Find the Striker hidden inside the Cave in the Veldt once you've reached the World of Run



Bet the Striker in the Colosseum, then defeat Shadow to get him to join your party.

Finding the Air

One of the many special tools that Edgar can use to defeat his enemies is the super-powerful Air Anchor, When used on an enemy, it will cause them to self-destruct with a single blow! Overall the Air Anchor is a pretty cool weapon, but it's really tricky to find. You can win the Air Anchor in the Colosseum if you bet the Genii Armor, but only if you manage to beat Borras. This may prove difficult, seeing as he has 10,000 hit points! You can also find the Air Anchor in the Fanatics' Tower, Once in the tower, enter the first door you come to and open the chest to receive the Safety Bit, Face the back wall of the room, one space to the right of the chest, and push the A Button to activate a hidden switch. If you hear a loud thud, exit the room and you should see a new door on the staircase below. Enter the door. open the chest, and grab yourself the Air Anchor!



Head over to the Fanatics' Tower and find the Air Anchor hidden in a secret room)



With the Air Anchor in hand, Edgar is a major force for your enemies to deal with.

Sailing the High Seas of adventure can be treacherous for an inexperienced explorer! Here's a plan for a successful voyage.



Uncharted Waters

Hoist the Anchor!

The year is 1522 and the Golden Age Exploration has just begun, It's your life ambition to sail the yet uncharted ocean, finding untold wealth and undiscovered lands. Your final objective will vary depending on which of the six characters you choose, but all six need to gain fame and tréasure in order to succeed. These basic strategies will set your sails in the right direction, regardless of your mission

Collecting Information

Talk to every townsperson you find in each new port you discover. You'll gain clues about sailing. trade routes and the port's history and specialty. Other info that will help vou become a successful merchant. Even if you're a pirate you'll need to find good places to sell your stolen goods! Talk to the people in the cafes for more specific information about treasures.



Make sure you talk with everyone when you find a new port. You may find valuable information.

Increase your Wealth

Collect cash any way you can! You can gamble in the cafes if you want to waste sometime, but your best bet is to find some good trade foutes. Find a port where you can buy a product cheaply, then turn around and sell that product in a town that will pay more for it. Build a strong fleet, so you can steal goods from the enemy.

Sign Contracts

Sign contracts with a Collector and Cartographer as soon as you can. To sign with a Cartographer, you must first join the Cartography Guild for 48,000 gold pieces. As you find new discoveries. you can return to the Collector with the information to gain both cash and fame. When you discover new lands vodi can return to the Cartographer for even more cash! The Collector in Bordeaux and the Cartographer / in Barcelona will be your best benefactors.



Sign a contract with the Collector in Bordeaux and the Cartographer in Barcelona



Finding the important items in Breath of Fire dan be tricky when vou have a world as big as this one.



Breath of Fire

Mogu's I. Claw

You might remember a mole mentioning a special "Sunken Treasure" when you visited the town of Gramor, You could scour the bottom of the ocean all day long and you still wouldn't find it. Why? The item that the mole was referring to was the I. Claw and it washed up on the shore of the weapon-collector's island. To get the claw, you'll need to fly to the island and talk to her, then visit the old weapon-collector in the south. After you carry Market and walk behind several messages and items back and forth between new-found friends, the old weapon-collector will reward you with the I. Claw. Once you have the I. Claw, take it to the Great Digger in the upper right dave of Gramor and he'll teach you brow to use it. Once Mogu has use of the L.

Obelisk, but only if you've talked to Jadein inside the Iade Pagoda.

Ox's Mallet

The best weapon around for the mighty Ox is the Mallet. The problem is. the Mallet is incredibly elusive, meaning most players rarely find it. The best way to pick it up is to set up shop in one of the Flea Markets in either Prima or Tunlan. To set up shop, enter the Flea the counter of the empty booth If you have Gobi at the front of the party. people will begin walking up to you and offer items for trade. Eventually, someone may come up with the Mallet in hand. If this happens, take them up on their offer, no mat ter what it costs! The Mallet is very rare, and you may never get a second chance to buy it.



Claw, you can enter the

Once you've found the I. Claw you can dig in these specially marked



Go to the empty booth and put Gobi at the front of the party Hopefully, customers will appear

When playing an epic as large as this one. vou'll want to make sure that your party is well prepared for the horrors they'll face.



Choosing your Friends Carefully

While the default party you receive at the beginning of the game is strong enough to make it through the game, you can help your party out by replacing a few of the key players. Magic is an important feature in this game, but most players will find that they tend to rely more on the might when they go exploring. It is especially important to have characters who can wield missile weapons so you can attack creatures from afar, avoiding damage at the same time. With this in mind. you may consider dropping the sorcerer from your party. Not only is he the weakest fighter of the bunch, but he can't even lift a bow, let alone fire it. Because you'll still want someone who can use magic, replace him with an archer who has high intelligence. As the archer rises in level, he'll be able to use any of the sorcerer's spells as needed, and he can use most weapons proficiently. Leave both the paladin and the cleric in your party so you'll be able to heal up

History of Marie 2 m Mare Shift

Take the time when you're in the Inn to create a few strong characters. The power they add to your group will pay off in the long run.

when you're deep in a dungeon. The robber is an important character to have for opening chests safely, and the knight is a great fighter, but the barbarian doesn't offer your party more than brute strength. You might trade him for a ninia or a ranger and get some extra power in your party. Before you dismiss a character from your party, be sure to give all of his or her items to your other characters. Even if you can't use them, you can sell the items for cash!

Starting out Strong in a Dangerous World

Now that you've got yourself a party, it's time to his the road and stari finding your fortune. Your first stop had better be the local store; Fen's Fineries, so you can grab yourself some gear, Buy the best armor you can for any new characters you've added to the party, then purchase any missile weapons Fen is offering. Your party starts out low on missile weapons,



You'll need to buy equipment for the new characters in your party, so find Fen's Fineries just north of where you begin.

and nothing beats a good bow when you want to lift an enemy from a distance. After equipping all of your weapons, find the Cypher in the north part of town and teach one of vour characters cartography. Now you'll be able to use the mapping option to find your way around. Exit the town at this point and pick a few fights with the local goblins. These are much easier to defeat than the moose rats in the town, so you'll be more



You can find the Cypher in the north part of town He'll teach you the Cartography skill for 25 gold pieces.

likely to survive. To the east of Fountain Head you'll find a wagon among the trees where you can pay ten gold pieces to have the Wizard Eye spell cast on you, letting you see your surroundings. Seek out the other wagons on the map



Fight the weaker enemies outside of Fountain Head before you take on the tougher Moose Bats in town. Find the Fortune Teller's wagon to get the Wizard Eye spell.

to gain information and experience as needed. Search the area for caches of hidden weapons and armor by walking / sideways through the trees and mountains. You're not supposed to be able to do this, so take advantage of this trick early! Later, in the town of Baywatch;



You can travel through the trees and mountains by walking sideways. Normally you need the Mountaineering and Path Finding skills to enter these areas

you can learn both the Path Finding and Mountaineering skills that let you wander forward through these terrains. When you reach Level 5 or 6 you can begin exploring the caverns below Fountain Head. There you'll find the Swimming skill that allows you to cross the water. Use these three



Find the Magic Wells hidden throughout the area so you can boost your various attributes.

skills along with the Wizard Eye spell to locate the Magic Wells around the area. Drinking from each Magic Well will boost one of your character's attributes, giving you the added power you need to stay alive in this harsh world

Attribute Boost Locations

Defense Well Map A1 X=4, Y=7 Personality Well Mad A1 X≠14, Y=6 Intelligence Well

Map AI X=13, Y=1 Hit Point Well

Map A1 X=11, Y=3 Spell Point Orb Map A2 X=14, Y=14 Strength Fountain

Map BI X=4, Y=9

Picking Weapons and Armor

Might & Magic III has thousands of different items that you can find during your quest, making it difficult to figure out which equipment is best for you to use. You can have items identified in the town shops, but it quickly becomes time consuming and costly. Now you can save yourself some cash by using these tables to identify the weapons and armor. You can equip the items as soon you find them, without worrying about losing that all-important edge over your enemies! You can tell Fen and his fellow shopkeepers what to do with their exorbitant identifying fees!

How to use the Charts

Every weapon in the game has a base damage rate and every piece of armor has base protection rate. Depending on the material that the item is made of, these rates can be adjusted up or down. The material a weapon is made of can also give a character an improved ability to hit the enemy. When you identify an item, find the base rate (protection or damage) then add the material adjustment to the base. For example, a short sword has a damage rate of 2-6. If the sword is made of iron, add two points to the damage (4-8) and add one point to the character's ability to

P - Paladin

Ra = Ranger

Ro = Robber S = Sorcerer

Key	8 - Barbarian	Dr = Druid	N = Ninja
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One-Handed Weapons

Weapon	Damage	Restrictions
Člub	1-3	None
Dagger	2-4	No Clerics
Cudgel	1-6	No Sorcerers
Hand Axe	2-6	No Cl. S
Nunchakas	2-6	Only Knights & Ninias
Short Sword	2-6	No B, Cl, Dr, N, S
Maul	-5-8	No Sorcerers
Cutlass	2-8	No B. Cl. Dr. N. S
Mace -	2-8.	No Sorcerers
Sabre <	4-81	No B. Cl. Dr. N. S
Spear	1-9	No CL S
Long Sword	3.9	No B, Cl, Dr, N, S
Wakazashi	3-9	Only Knights & Ninjas
Flail	1-10	No Sprcerers
Scimitar	2-10	No B, Cl, Dr, N, S
Broad Sword	3-12	No B. Cl. Dr. N. S
Katana	4-12	Only Knights & Ninjas

Two-Handed Weapons (can't equip shield)

Restrictions

Weapon	Damage	Restrictions
Staff	2-8	S
Trident	2-12	No Cl, Dr, S
Glaive	4-12	No Cl, Dr, S
Battle Axe	3-15	No Cl, Dr, N, S
Naginata	5-15	Only Knights & Ninjas
Pike	2-16	No Cl, Dr, S
Bardiche	4-16	No Cl, Dr, S
Grand Axe	3-18 No	CI, Dr, N, S
Halberd	3-18 No	Cl, Dr, S
Flamberge	4-20 No	B, Cl, Dr, N, Ro, S

Missile Weapons Weapon Damage

Short Bow	3-6	No Cl. Dr. S
Long Bow	5-10	No Cl. Dr. S
Crossbow	4-8	No Cl. Dr. S
Sling	2-4	No Cl, Dr, S



Armor & Other Protection Armor AC Bonus Restrictions

1 /	None
2	Max. for Sorcerer
3	Max. for Druid
4	Max. for Barbarian
-5	Max. for Ninja
6	Max. for Ar, Ro
7	Max for Cl, Ra
8 /	Only K & P
10 /	Only K & P
1 /	None
1	None
4	No Ar, Dr, N, S
7	None None
1	None
2 1	None
-0	None
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Attribute Bonuses

It is also possible for items to possess special features that will add to a character's abilities. These attribute bonuses take effect when the piece of armer of weapon is equipped and work automatically when needed. Items with these special properties are very rare, so hold on to them when you find them!

Elemental Bonuses

Some of the weapons and armor in this world have been forged with magic elemental properties. When characters equip armor with elemental bonuses, they will gain

extra resistance to attacks of those elemental types. If a weapon with an elemental bonus is equipped, in addition to the extra resistance, damage to an enemy is boosted by the attack.

Special Abilities

On top of all the hit, damage and protection bonuses that an item can have, some items have special abilities that allow your characters to cast spells. In order to use the special abilities, first equip the item, then go to the item screen and select the Use command. This may seem awkward, but it can keep you from wasting your spell points!



If you're tired of fantasy or science fiction games and are looking for something really different, check out The Ignition Factor, a one-player firefighting adventure from Jaleco. Using familiar adventure game features like an overhead view, an inventory of tools and items and a map screen, you battle blazes and rescue trapped citizens. Though it would need a few more details and a bit more atmosphere to be considered a true simulation, the game does manuage to capture some of

the drama and danger surrounding this

perilous profession.



INTO THE FIRE

The game has three levels with a total of eight stages or missions. Each mission starts with a briefing that

describes the fire or emergency in progress and out innes the basic goals. You then select your equipment, check your maps, and set the placement of your fire engine at the scene. These decisions will directly affect your ability to complete the stage, so plan carefully.



The most important part of your job as a rookie firefighter is to save lives.

CHECKING THE SCENE





Each of the three levels has multiple stages, and the stages can be completed in any order. Once you choose a stage, though, there's no turning back. A title screen appears, then the mission briefing begins.

Get maps and instructions in the briefing. The fire engine can help you during the mission, so its placement is





EDUIPMENT



With info from the briefing, choose items for the mission You can select two items at a time and carry others in inventory. The more you carry, the slower you move

You can exchange items with the other firelighters you meet, and they can refill your empty items, too.





SQUAD 51 RESPONDING!

Once the briefing ends, the mission begins. You can access your map during the mission to help you navigate. The map also indicates the location and health of each person trapped. Besides rescuing a minimum number of victims, you'll have to recover objects and react to additional orders or information received along the way. There is a time limit for each stage, so you may not be able to accomplish everything before the building collapses.



Victims are often trapped behind walls of fire Rescue them before they are fatally mured!



You are awarded points after every stage High scores will increase your health meter



This mission is gretty basic; rescue at least five people from the steel mill There's only one floor to search, but you don't have







A two-story manneque factory is going up in flames. You'll need to rescue at least six people, and the situans may call for some creative





There's no fire, but the poisonous gas filling this mine is just as dangerous. You'll have to rescue at least seven people from







The fire at the Dino Museum is spreading slowly. You've got a longer time limit, but you'll probably need every in nute to search the three floors for trapped citizens. You may also









To see hidden flames hold Ler R to "crab walk" to the left or right while still facing forward. This technique is good for lighting a well or field of fire.

IREFIGHTING TOOLS



Plastic explosives can break through walls or obstacles, but watch out for the blast!



Depending on the info you get in the briefing, you might start a mission without the proper equipment. Here's a list of items recommended for Level Fand Level 2. Even so, firefighting is unpredictable. BRADSHAW STEEL MILL

Unexpect ed situations may arise.







MUSEUM

NONE



THE DAY THE MOUSE ROARED

Finally, the day of the town flesta has arrived! The mice have just begun to cut the cheese for the big feast when a shadow darkens the town square. It's Los Gatos Bandidos! In a flash, they kidnap the unsuspecting mice. Luckliy, Slowpok Rodriguez is late, arriving just in time to

see his friends being herded away. Panicked, Slowpoke shuffles off to find the one mouse that can save the town-Speedy Gonzales! Now, it's up to you and Speedy to race across the country and free the mice before these cats have their own fiesta!











Armed with only his speed, a snappy kick and his springy mouse traps, Speedy will have a tough time beating the clock and finding all eight mice trapped in the first level. But if he does, he's rewarded with a valuable

Continue that he'll need when things get tough.

As Speedy frees the caped mide, load up on cheese you make, load up on cheese you want to start a feet and the start and the sta

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Time: 2:00
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You can really stock up on extra lives and Continues in the early levels. Try to match Nintendo Power's top score for the first stage!







INTO THE FOREST

With a final burst of speed, Speedy leaps off Sleepy Rock and into the dark and menacing Surely Woods. There, he must scale towering timbers, hurdle vast gorges, and avoid a few clever traps left by Los

Gatos if he hopes to free his amigos. And, if Speedy's fast enough, he can also track down a few extra lives hidden among the pines!



Los Gatos' fake warning signs won't fool Speedy-he can spot their sloppy writing anywhere!

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Luckily, the local rangers have marked some of the forest pitfalls with warning signs. When you see them, take a careful look ahead. Then, get some running room, get Speedy moving, and prepare to jump!

Speedy can use the pulley bridges to cover ground in a hurry-and snag some extra cheese



If Speedy isn't moving lickety split, he'll miss some cheese-and hit the briars

Take these traps more seriously than those on Sleepy Rock, If Speedy is caught, he's finished. Either put on the brakes and spring them or floor it and race right on by.

WARNING-CONSTRUCTION

Oh, the lights and noise of big city construction make Speedy's head spin, Los Gatos have hidden the captured mice along the girders of these skeleton skyscrapers. Speedy must be careful-it's a long way down from the top floor, and the elevators haven't been installed vet!



Speedy can't stop and chat with his freed amigos-the clock's ticking!

Give the jack-hammering Gatos two swift kicks to quiet them down.

EWERS FOLLY!

There's construction above and below ground in Fiesta City. Speedy has to be ready to leap these smelly craters in a flash when he's running along the street. And when he's leaping from swinging girders and powerlines, a wrong move can send him plummeting into the gaping holes and a dark and murky demise.





Speedy safely under a branch next to the stump and wait until he hits the forest floor. After his second spin, he'll stop for a moment. Creep up next to him and wait for him to jump twice, then give him a kick in the head. That'll stop him, it surely will!

As he did in the forest, Speedy can use the powerlines for fast descents. But you have to cut these rides short or he'll hit the power pole and fall. As soon as you see the power poles appear, jump onto the next pulley handle and keep on fly-



Speedy will have to scamper from girder to girder in Fiesta City to find all his kidnapped amigos. And though they can help him get out of some tight spots, they're also dangerous. Only the most accurate jumps and splitsecond timing will get him safely from one to the next. In some cases, Speedy might be too speedy for his own goodin others, he might not be speedy enough!

> These girders look sturdy, but if Speedy lingers too long. he'll find out what a pancake feels like!

These floating girders will help Speedy make it through the level. But if he stops to enjoy the ride, he'll find an extra life and some cheese.

IOWLED GROUND

Speedy moves back in time as he lournevs to the Ancient Keep, a magical castle filled with ancient Gato warriors, hidden passages, and bubbling cauldrons. But Speedy's too busy to be frightenedamongst the wails and shrieks of the old castle, he can hear his poor friends' quiet cries for help.



Keep a look-ou for passages hidden in the chadows

The castle looks decentively pleasant from the nuterde

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It's bitterly cold up here, but after the hot and muggy castle, speedy welcomes the change. Still, even in the fresh, clean air of the high country, danger is everywhere. Speedy will have to fend off shooting walruses and dodge thundering, tumbling snowballs in this icy tundra while searching for his amigos. Even the warmth of the alpine cabins is disrupted by a few uninvited quests.



Take care of the snowball-throwing cats with two shots to their frosty heads

SPACE ODDITY

Pigs in Space, sure, but mice and cats? The Bandidos went to great lengths to throw Speedy off their trail. Undaunted, Speedy rockets up after them to a secret space station. There, he'll have to use the strange transporter systems to find all the trapped mice while avoiding snarling robots and a few hi-tech traps set by his enemies.



and energy beams. If you miss one, Speedy will be in for a very unpleasant surprise

SAULUNG AWAY

Ye Olde Bounty is an pirate ship from the days of the Bandidos' raids against the ships of the early settlers from Europe: English Sheep dogs. And there's still plenty of villainy on board her today. Crows attack from above, and Bandidos lurk everywhere. Speedy is close to victory only a few more mice to free. But this will be Speedy's toughest challenge yet!



der kegs at Speedy as he goes by Stand clear of them, then take care of the Bandido with a kick.



As you wind up for a super leap on these poles, time your jump so Speedy's feet are pointing in the right direction.

OF AMAL !

clouds of steam-just the thing to carry Speedy out

of this dead end.

After a dizzying trip on the spinning poles, Speedy will land on a platform holding a bottle of hot sauce—his favorite! Drink it down and continue to the right. When you come to the boiling cauldron, blow a few sizzling breaths on the fire.
This will create puffy



SPEEDY GONZALES
LOS GATOS BANDIDOS



Just as Speedy thinks he's getting somewhere, up pops an ice wall. Speedy can't budge it. Go to the left across the ice platforms to find a trapped mouse and an exclamation point sign. Give it a kick to move the ice wall.



X-RAY BEAM

They may look like transporters, but don't be fooled. These electric showers of X-rays will give Speedy quite a shock. Even after avoiding all the X-rays, robots and energy beams, Speedy will have to find his way through the confusing catacombs of the station. And then, he must face the cool Space Cat. He's tough to beat. You'll have to find a special way to nip this cat in the but!



Climb the masts to find some hidden surprises. Up in the crow's nest, you'll find a nice view and a secret caged mouse. But remember that you're in the crow's nest-don't spend too much time admiring the sunset. A few nasty crows will start dive-bombing Speedy, which is sure to spoil his cruise!



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PLAY OPTIONS

Since the real challenge (and fun) is to compete against live opponents, Kemco has wisely included several multi-player options. In the championship mode, you can choose a one-player game with a full screen or a split-



screen game with either the computer or a second player directing the car in the bottom window. In the vs. mode, the screen is quartered, and there are only four cars total in each race. This mode also eliminates the story and some options of the championship mode, including car



upgrades. You select one of four models at the start and keep it for the duration. If you have fewer than four players, the computer will control the other cars.

CAR MODIFICATION

The more money you win, the faster you can modify your car, the more races you can win, the more money you'll have...well, you get the idea. In the championship mode,

you'll have to struggle along for a few races before you can afford new components for your car. Once the money starts rolling in, you can buy essentials like new engines, tires and armor. As time goes on, accessories like the Jump m e c h a n i s m become available.





SOLAR SYSTEM



You'll get a readout showing track length and conditions before every race. Each solar system has its own racing series, and driver rankings will reset to zero at the start of a new series. You'll also get a password between solar systems.

INTERPLANETARY RACING

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Some of the tracks have interesting "alien" features and backdrops, but racing on them can be fairly straightforward. There are some things, though, that you won't find

on an F-l or Grand Prix track, like jump ramps and teleporters. Another twist is that many tracks have one or more forks, and you can never be sure on the first lap what will happen if you go one way or another—you may find a shortcut, or you may find yourself with a dead battery after bypassing the only recharge strip on the track!



Look for bonuses on the tracks. Even if you don't win, the extra money you pick up may boost your winnings past the first place prize.



This stage features a night race, and the cars don't have great headlights.



Later tracks can be narrow, so be careful on corners and when passing. Next thing you know, you'll smack into an alien tree!



Using the booster on the first lap can help you take an early lead. Be sure to save one or two for unexpected emergencies, though



Bumping others will slow you down, but it can help if you stay right in front of cars trying to pass. Watch the paint job, buddy!



This track isn't complicated, but icy conditions are hazardous at high speed. Slow down and stick to the insides of the corners.

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The first things you should buy as level 2 engine and tires. You can aperiment after that to see whis ords but for you, but these compoents will see you through a lot of action before you as a fee approxi-

BEPARE/BECHARGE

tione recharge/repair strips are about are located only on one fork in the rack. Take the time to recharge, even it is means slowing down and falling thind. You can always catch up, but it have made just a new recharge to the least of the



With the success of Super Mario All-Stars, you would think that more classic combos would make an appearance on the Super NES. Well, Nintendo has done it once again with the delivery of Tetris & Dr. Mario, Both of these games were huge hits on the NES and Game Boy, so it

THE CLASSIC BLOCK-BUSTER HAS FINALLY ARRIVED

The megahit Tetris finally comes to the Super NES, and the fans are lining up to play it! When Tetris was first released on the Game Boy, players couldn't get enough. Mesmerized by their Game Boys, thousands of Tetris fans were lost for hours. While the Game Boy version of Tetris offered a two-player option, the NES version unfortunately did not, so



isn't any surprise that the combination game pak promises to be a big success. Players can choose their favorite blockdroppers and enjoy the game as it was intended to be played. Tetris and Dr. Mario have both been faithfully re-created, with a few new features added in to keep things interesting. There's even a new Mixed Match mode for indecisive fans of both games!

THE POCTOR IS
IN AGAIN ON
THE SUPER WES

The premise of Dr. Mario was easier to grasp than Tetris, but it required an entirely different strategy. Instead of lining up blocks, players had to rid the screen of viruses. To finish off viruses, they line them up in rows of four or more vitamin capsule blocks of the same color. Many players didn't appreciate the differences in the two games at first, but Dr. M soon became



Most gamers have played Tetris before. Now they can drop a few blocks on the Super NES as

some players were a little disappointed with the only full-color version of the game. Now all of their Tetris wishes have been granted. Not only can you play Tetris in full color on the Super NES, you can beat the pants off your friends in the two-player mode as well!

> Whether it's dropping blocks or destroying viruses, this game pak has something for everyone



With two classic games at one classic price. you can't miss!

a classic in its own right. Once again, the Super NES version is identical to the original, yet updated to take advantage of the Super NES's power.



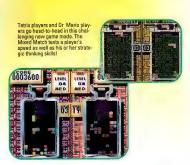
Dr Mario fans rejoice! The game has arrived for the Super NES, and it plays like the original.



Whether you consider yourself Prince of the Puzzlers, or have more of a knack for one game than the other, the Mixed Match mode can set up some fierce competition! If you participated in either the PowerFest or the Campus Challenge, you should be familiar with the Mixed Match concept. You start by clearing 15 lines in Type B Tetris, then switch to Dr. Mario, where you must clear out 20 viruses as quickly as possible. Then, it's back to Tetris, where you finish out your time dropping blocks in the

Two great gamesone great score!

Type A game. To confuse matters further, you are racing another player to complete the challenge. You can really apply pressure on your opponent by getting a level or two ahead. While there is no player vs. computer mode, you can practice your two player skills by yourself, by selecting two players, and then allowing the other player's screen fill up. You'll be the winner every time!



The new features in Tetris will thrill most players because they make up for the shortcomings in the original game pak. Now gamers can play Tetris against a friend or a computer opponent and double the tetrad action.





TWO PLAYERS

When Tetris was first released, there wasn't any other game like it on the market. While the play was very addictive and people loved the game, the programmers didn't include a two-players on the same screen option. This oversight has

You can adjust each player's skill level to even the challenge if one player is clearly better than the other Challenge your friends to a two-player match. If you force them off the top of the screen, you win!

now been corrected, and players can take on their friends in head-to-head competition. If you like the challenge of Tetris, you'll love the challenge of beating your friends!

VS COMPUTER

You can also take on the computer in a head-to-computer chip match when you can't find a pal. The computer has three different skill levels



There are three different computer players to challenge—each one with different abilities.

<u>DRAMARIO</u>

You can adjust the Virus Level, Drop Speed, and the Back Ground Music when you play the twoplayer game

Dr. Mario has pretty much remained the same as the original NES version, but a Vs. Computer mode was added to the Challenge game Now if you can't find a friend you can still practice all of your best two-player moves and strategies

FEVERED FRENZY

When you are first learning how to play Dr. Mario, it's nice to start out easy, but as you get better you'll most likely want a more challenging game. You can adjust many of the attributes of the





All the elements of the classic hit Dr. Mario have been included in the Super NES version. Get rid of those pesky viruses



If you're playing against a friend, you can handicap yourself, and make the match a little more even

game on the Option Screen and make it even tougher. You can also change the music to fit your mood. If you don't like either of the background music selections, you can always just turn the music off.

VS. COMPUTER

The hottest part of Dr. Mario is the two-player mode. This version of the game includes a computer challenger so you can hone your competition skills. Each of the that are sure to challenge even the best game players around. You can choose either Tetris Type A or B, whichever game you like better.



Practice the two-player game by challenging the computer to a few rounds.



Force your opponent off the top of the screen by putting together as many Tetrises as possible





Practice a two-player match against the computer. The computer can put the pieces quickly, so try not slow down

computer's skill levels is increasingly challenging, with the Hard Mode being nearly impossible in a fair match. The Mixed Match puts together a great challenge for both Tetris and Dr. Mario fans alike

Tetris and Dr. Mario fans alike You can set up your own challenge match with a friend and see who's the best all-around player. If you're having trouble winning here are a few quick tips to help you out.

TOURNEY TIME

Before you challenge your friend to a match, set your game options to even out your abilities. If you both are fairly good players, the default options tend to offer a well-rounded game with a short time limit.





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The handicapping option lets both players adjust their levels on each of the three games. The play time is also adjustable from I to 30 minutes.





As soon as you've cleared the first fifteen lines in Tetris, you'll move on to Dr. Mario Try to get rid of the viruses as quickly as poss ble

SCURING BIG

The key to racking up the biggest scores lies with the Tetris rounds. If you can score a four-line Tetris, you'll get 5,000 points. In the default game, it is possible to get four Tetrises, or 20,000 points, before going to the Dr. Mario round. It will take

both luck and skill to do this, but the extra points will help if you make a mistake later.



The most points are possible in the Tetris matches. Rack up the points by creating four line Tetrises.



CLASSIFIED LYFORMATION





FROM AGENT #920

Speed-Up Code

With all of the action that Killer Instinct is getting in the arcade, we thought we would heat things up a little more! Here is a code straight from the developers that will boost your character's speed so you can blaze out combos even faster. After they have chosen their characters, both players must wait until the preview video starts rolling, then both must hold Right and all three of the Punch Buttons. If they enter the code correctly, both characters will move about 70 percent faster than before.



After selecting their favorite characters, both players must hold Right and all three Punch Buttons during the preview video



If they enter the code correctly, the speed of both characters' moves will increase by about 70 percent. Now that's fast!



FROM AGENT #331

Classic Pitfall

Any of you old timers who remember when Activision first released Pitfall for the Atari 2600 (c. 1982) will appreciate this code. When you play Pitfall: the Mayan Adventure, you can access a secret area in Stage 4 and play the original game in its entirety. You can also skip straight to the original Pitfall from the beginning of the game. When the Title Screen appears, press Select, the A button six times, Select, then the Start Button to begin your adventure. Just listen to that incredible 2-bit sound!



When the Title Screen appears, press Select, the A Button six times, Select, then Start.



You'll have 20 minutes to make it through the original version of



FROM AGENT #807

Stage Select

One of the best features about The Tirk is this code that will allow you to skip through the game in any order that you please. When the Title Screen appears, press the Start Button to go to the Option Screen. On the Option Screen, set your Lives to seven, your Continues to four, and your Arthurs to two. Go to the Test Sound option and set it for Teleport, then press Start. Begin a new game, pause the game, then press Select to bring up the Stage Select.



Normally, you'll need to fight your way through the game with the seven lives you begin with.



Set the Test Sound option to Teleport, then press the Start Button to make the word Cheat appear



Go to the Option Screen and set your Lives at seven, Continues at four and Arthurs at two



Start playing a regular game, then press Start. While the game is paused, press Select to access the Stage Select.

CLASSIFIED ASSOCIATION

FROM AGENT #191

Special Game

Agent #191 found an interesting two-player mode in Shien's Revenge that lets the second player control the bosses. To use the code, hold the L and R Buttons on Controller II while you start a new game. The game will play as usual until you reach the first boss, at which point Player 2 will assume



Usually, only one player can play Shien's Revenge at a time.



Hold the Land R Buttons on Controller II then start a new game with Controller I



Player I will play the game as usu-al, until reaching the first boss.



Player 2 can control all of the boss's moves and attacks with



FROM AGENT #552

Whenever a new fighting game hits the market, one of the first things that players look for is a code that will allow them to play as the bosses. Well, Takara didn't disappoint fighting game fans. They included just such a code in the Super NES version of Samurai Shodown! When you first turn on the Game Pak, wait until the Takara logo appears, then quickly press A, Y, X, and B. When you play either the 1p vs. 2p or the Countdown mode and hold L and R while you're selecting your character, you'll change into Ámakusa.

When the Takara Logo appears press A, Y, X and B.



Wait for the Takara Logo to appear, then press A, Y, X, then B.



Select either the 1p vs. 2p game or the Countdown mode and press the Start Button.



If you hold the Land R Buttons while you are selecting your character, you'll turn into Amakusa.



With all of Amakusa's powers at your command, you should be unstoppable!









FROM AGENT #638 **Expansion Teams**

Although the NFL expansion teams won't start playing until next season, you can practice with them early in Madden's NFL '95 if you use these special codes. Before you begin a new game, go to the Game Setup screen and highlight either the Home or Visiting Team options. Press L, R, L, R, and A to play as the Jaguars, or press L, R, L, R, and Y to play as the Panthers. Both of these teams are completely powered-up but you can only use them in an Exhibition Game



On the Game Setup screen, press L, R, L, R, Y to play as the Carolina Panthers in an Exhibition Game.



On the Game Setup screen, press L, R, L, R, A to play as the Jacksonville Jaguars instead.

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FROM AGENT #009

Secret Characters

Here's another great fighting game with a secret character code, only this time, instead of being able to play as the boss, you'll get to play as a whole lump of new characters. Each character has its own access code, so find the character that you want and enter the appropriate code while you're on the Game Select screen. We have also included one special move for each of the new characters to get you started. With all of these extra players for you to use, your opponents won't know what hit'em!

BUTCH



Hold the L Button and press X, R, A X, R and R to access Tiny's evil twin, Butch.



Push Back, Down and any Punch Button to do Butch's Big Stink

PEELGOOD



Hold Down and Left then press B Y, Y, A and Y to gain access to



Tap Back twice, Forward and any Punch Button to do the Banana Saw move.

SARGE



Hold the X Button, then press L. L. Up, Down, Left and Down to play as Sarge.



Press Down, Down/Back, Back and any Kick Button to use Sarge's Flying Kick.

JACK



Hold Up and press A. A. R. R. Y then A to play as Jack, the evil



Tap Forward three times then any Punch Button to hit your opponent with the Shark Bite.

ICE



Access Frosty's darker brother, Ice, by holding B and pressing Up, L, L, L, then Right.



ap Back three times then hit any Punch Button to throw Ice's Sneaky Punch.

THUNDER



While holding Up and Left, press Y, B, X, B, B, X and A to play as Thunder.



Press Back, then Down/Forward with any Kick Button to use the Dashing Uppercut.



d the Y Button, then press L, L, Up. L. Left and R to access Slyck.



Press Back, Back/Down, Down, Forward/Down, Forward and any Punch to use the Psycho Spit.

SPIKE



Hold the R Button, then press X. B. B, A, Y, Left and A to play as Spike.



You can use Spike's Sonic Yell by hitting any Punch Button repeat-





From Agent #528

Power-Up Dunks

If you want to boost your Dunk Power so you can slam it from mid-court, check out this code. After you choose your favorite team, wait until the Team Match-Up screen appears, then press any Button ten times and hold Down and A until the words Power-Up Dunks appear.





Tao any Button 10 times then hold

Tap any Button 10 times then hol Down and A until the screen changes.

Power-Up Turbo

You can set your Turbo Power so that it will never drain when you use this great code. Choose your favorite team, then wait until the Team Match-Up screen appears. Quickly tap any Button 15 times then hold Up and B until the screen changes. With unlimited Turbo, you're unstoppable!

Power-Up Fire

When you heat things up with the Power-Up Fire code, it will be tough for your players to miss the hoop! Once again, choose your favorite team and wait for the Team Match-Up screen to appear. Tap any Button seven times then hold Down and Left on the Control Pad until the screen changes.

Juice Mode

If you found the game too easy for your tastes, plug the Juice Mode code in to make it more challenging. Choose your favorite team and sit back until the Team Match-Up screen appears. Tap any Button 14 times, then hold A and B until the screen changes.

More Secret Characters

We found six more secret characters you can use as your players when you play NBA Jam on your Game Boy. Enter the correct initials for the player you want to use, then use the code to input the last letter.

Rivett

Divita



Enter the initial RJ and highlight the letter F. Press Up, A and B to enter the last letter.

Enter the initials SD and highlight the letter T. Press Down and B to enter the last letter.

Turmell

Air Dog



Enter the initials WI then highlight the letter M. Press Left and B to enter the last letter.

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Enter the initials JA then highlight the letter T. Press Up and B to enter the letter M.

Chow Chow

Enter the initials AM then highlight the letter Q. Press Down, A and B to enter the letter X.

Weasel

Enter the initials MA and highlight the letter U. Press Up, Start, A and B to enter the letter N.

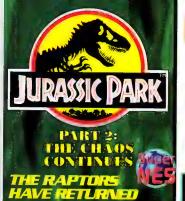
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As the story unfolds, Jurassic Park is being invaded by a group of paramilitary soldiers and scientists sent by

> Biosyn Corp. Their mission: take control of the park and its prehistoric residents. Your mission: stop them at all costs! What

may surprise you is that Ocean has left out

most of the adventure elements of the original and made Jurassic Park II:

The Chaos Continues more of an action game. Fast-paced action is punctuated by great music and

sound effects, all recorded in Dolby Surround Sound. The six scenarios add some variety.

and three levels of difficulty can keep you hopping. A two-player simultaneous option also adds to the fun factor.

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You've come to Jurassic Park loaded for bear, so there's no tedious search for more powerful arms. Stronger weapons must be reloaded, but ammo caches aren't difficult to locate. Basic weapons have unlimited ammo, so they're often your first choice and last resort!

The Semi-Automatic Rifle can fire continuously, but at a relatively slow rate. Don't worry; you can't run out of ammo!



Single shots won t do much good, so hold down the Y button for continuous fire

Don't rely on weak regular shots. Charge that sucker up!

Ineffective against humans, the Stun Gun can fire a charged-up blast. It's great against raptors. but they're fast, so you'd better be a crack shot.

The Machine Gun is more powerful, and it shoots very fast. If you don't practice, you may run out of ammo before you know it.



It takes fewer shots to defeat enemies. so go easy on that trigger

The Tranquilizer Dart Gun seems to be about as fast and as powerful as the Machine Gun, though like the other non-lethal weapons, it only works on animals.



even the most frenzied raptor.

Though not very quick on the draw, the Shotgun packs a terrific punch. Save it for those really desperate situations!



The wider field of fire will come in handy when you meet multiple enemies.



You get only a few grenades, so look out for extra ammo.

The most powerful non-lethal weapon is the Gas Grenade Launcher. The large blast radius makes it an effective piece of equipment.

You can attempt the six scenarios in any order. Control and animation are similar to Prince of Persia and Blackthorne, and while the figures are larger, there are fewer grabbing and hanging maneuvers. You can set your control preferences, and there is even an option that divides damage between two players, no matter which one gets hit!





Set Energy Equaling to manual, auto or off, Will you share the risk or will it be every man for himself?

RAPTOR ATTACK

The raptors have NOT left the building! Your headquarters are being overrun, and you must find the central security system.



The hallways are treacherous, with dinos of all shapes and sizes lurking in the shadows.

T-REX CARNAGE

Biosyn soldiers have let the T-Rex out of its paddock. It's your job to stop it before it can wreak havoc across the island.



T-Rex is big and fast. And you thought YOUR rush hour was a problem!

RLOCKADE

A Biosyn task force is erasing critical data from the park's computers. It's one against many as you run their blockade



This stage is packed with well-trained and heavily-armed opponents

It's back to duking it out with dinos on this mission! Make your way up the mountain to repair the communications array.



This species of pterosaur is just one of the obstacles you'll encounter on your climb

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& DESTROY

Venture under the volcano to destroy an unauthorized raptor breeding program—that is, if lava or dinos don't get you first.



Inceratops gives you some unwanted attention as you explore the maze of passages.

Humans are the targets in this scenario. If you don't stop the Biosyn mercenaries, they'll make off with valuable Gallimimus DNA



Enemies are waiting every step of the way. Make sure you're the predator, not the prey!



HUDSON SOFT'S MYSTICAL

OF STEEL Best known for whimsical €1994 Hudson Soft

titles like Super Adventure Island, Hudson Soft bursts back onto the Super NES scene with Hagane, a gritty action pak. As Hagane, the ninja-turned-supercyborg, you must battle the mystical and technological weapons of the evil Koma clan. Though the side-scrolling format is certainly not new, various slides, jumps, and special attacks add a lot of game play depth.

SURVEY THE SEWERS

If the streets are unsafe, the sewers are downright deadly! You'll find a great variety of enemies down here, crawling. climbing, jumping and flying at you from all sides. It's time to practice your slides and jumps.



TOSS &

Use bombs aga nst the flyone fortress and umo out of its ine of fire

START

THE FORTRESS

While you're still caught underground, spin and wall jumping will be critical. Use the two techniques to get back to the surface.



A simple eap won't do it, but in both these cases, performing one or two wall jumps wik lift you high enough to proceed

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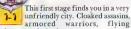






the path to disaster





robots even the birds are

armed and out to get you!

START

Blast walls and other obstacles to find hidden rtems and Power-Ups.



Destroy the guns before they can open fire, and shoot any commandos who jump out.



FINISH

With this mini-boss, leave the guns alone and go for the soldiers as they emerge from the airship.





Stay on the opposite side of the room and toast it with long-range weapons. like the shuriken.



FINISH

JUMP AND

Press B to jump, then press and hold B to wall jump.

1-4 ON THE RUN

It's a race against time as the underground caverns begin to explode around you. There are fewer enemies to defeat, but any delay could prove to be fatal.



You must stay ahead of a raging wall of flame, so keep an eye on your facting. You never know when the floor may give way!





Phis Koma clan ninja is

the master of the caverus, and he doesn't take kindly to

- hombs on



Fortress of Doom

You may have been able to get by so far with basic moves, but you must master advanced techniques and special attacks to infiltrate the enemy clan's stronghold. The opponents are tougher, the mazes more complicated. You get unlimited Continues, but only practice will get you through this level!



2-2 INTO THE FORTRESS

This stage brings you into the fortress itself. Stay alert and stay alive!

NO TIME TO

Your timing is crucial, as these platforms disappear a second or two after you land on them.



2-3 THE INNER SANCTUM

This is the final stretch before you face the boss of the fortress. You'll need to combine all of your spinning jumping and grabbing techniques to survive the obstacles ahead of you.



The central eye is the only vulnerable spot on this mini-boss. Stand on the platforms and bomb away!

GEARS

Jump from gear to gear to get up the shaft. Make a stop on this stationary platform if you need a breather.



UP AND UP

Use well-timed spin jumps on these disappearing platforms to grab the Power-Up and get across.



2-1 ON THE FIELD

There is only one goal in this very short stage: destroy the guardian of the fortress!





OWER UP



HAGANE

Power up by using the rotation maneuver (press R while walking inght or L while walking left). Perform different special attacks by pressing Y or B (punch or kick) on the first, second or third rotation

FINISH



Avoid the flames from above by holding on to the bottoms of platforms. Now how do you get around the flames from the floor jets?



HIDE

Grab the ceiling to avoid the machines on the conveyor They come in waves, but you can reach safe spots if you time it right.



MORE GEARS WITH A TWIST

Once again, you'll use the gears to make your way to the upper passage The gears extend and retract at different speeds, so this climb will be a but tricker than the last.



MILLIAN

This battle will be the roughest you've sought has far. At the lond of the to merges with his killer robot, it starts splitting out balls of blue Hame, which you mandest out with your wood. The mainive control module is housed within the mainive control module is housed within the mainive control module is housed within the mainive half. He is repeated, and your swords which is exposed. As the bott modern is the internal of the history, Recarefull family be because his energy. Recarefull family be because his your time than to published.



Violated Heavens

You take wing in this next level, battling atop and within giant flying fortresses, and even surfing the clouds on your own jet sled. You'll need to adjust your battle tactics once again, as you encounter new foes with new powers and abilities. Don't expect the same old thing!

USE THE SPIN JUMP

You can destroy these guns, but you could take a lot of damage in the process. Use the som jump to get past them in a humv.



START



AIRBORNE

Between the guns, missile launchers and armed adversaries, you've got your work cut out for you!



Long-range weapons will come in handy in here. Sliding also helps you avoid shots and weapons.





A close-in attack would be risky, especially with that energy beam from above. Use shurikens or bombs to take him down.



Use the platforms to hit the blue dots on the upper parts of the arms. Keep moving to avoid the lasers and missiles

FULL THROTTLE

Hop aboard a jet sled for the ride of your life. You control the sled with the control pad, and you can even jump from one sled to another.

> As the sky fortress breaks up, flames erupt through the bulkheads. Fly through the inferno and escape.



FLYING HIGH

You're clear of the wreck, but not out of the woods. The sky is filled with foes, and your shurikens and bombs will help you blast your way to freedom.



The Komacian has summoned as strature. Ninjaart bombs and a are all effective. Aim for its head



CONTINUOUS KICK

These guys definitely have a long reach! Use the downward kick attack instead of a frontal assault to defeat them. Keep pressing down on the control oad for a continuous attack.



Cry of the Spirits

When the sky sled's engine finally gives out, you'll crash-land in a forest. The samurai guardian has only a sword, but he's no pushover! Slide in and attack low.



HAGANE



CTRIKE & DIVE

ENEMY ASP

This grant snake make look tough, but his scaly hide can't stand up to your superior skills and weapons.



The caves beneath the forest are full of wind-

The caves beneath the forest are full of winding passages—you'll get hopelessly lost if you're not careful.



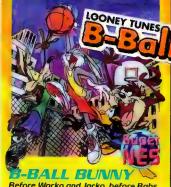
Into the Darkness

The beginning of this level brings you above ground again. You'll encounter many obstacles and opponents, and you'll need every technique and tactic you've mastered in the game. You have mastered then, haven't you?



This enemy's shots will pass right through the wall. Get over there fast and take him out! Jump from platform to platform to escape the spiked wall. This is the last stage before the boss, so there's no margin for error!

VOLUME 70



Before Wacko and Jacko, before Babs

for a friendly round of hoops. Don't let

and Buster, there was the one, the only... Buas Bunny! To many fans, ol' Bugs and the rest of the Looney Tunes gang will always be the best. Now they're back in the spotlight in Sunsoft's Looney Tunes B-Ball. After a hard day on the movie set. **Bugs** and company head to the court

the fact that these guys are cartoon characters fool vou into thinking they're pushovers, though. This oneor two-player title offers solid game control and challenging opponents-just

> don't expect NBA reaulation play. After all. they don't call these 'toons looney for nothin'!

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OPTIONS

You'll find a lot of standard play options here, including difficulty level, quarter length and so on. The most interesting option is the Wacky Meter, which sets the level of craziness in the game. You can choose your opponents in most play modes, but in tournament play, the computer will determine which 'toons you'll face.



WACKY OFFENSE

Use the gems you find to buy wacky ACME plays The higher the Wacky Meter setting, the more gems appear on the court. To play a regular game, just set the meter to 1. Each character has a special defensive play, but the offensive plays can be used by anyone with

enough money to buy them.



Stun your opponent with a creamy one. A classic play!



This is one time when you DON'T want possession of the ball



Teleport your teammate to a spot near the basket. Sneaky!



You either gain or lose points with this move, and it's expensive



Make a wacky, full court shot but there's no quarantee



It's hard for everyone to see, even you Heeeeeeelp!



Keep those pasky critters at arm's length. The Force Field is one of the best plays.

LOONEY LINEUP



BUGS BURRY

Eh, what's up, Doc? He's not as fast as you might expect, but Bugs can shoot with the best of them. Maybe it's all



You might want to pair those carrots he eats! Bugs with a stronger defensive player.



Wow 'em with a disguise and make 'em dron the hall

DAFFY DUC Daffy is a terrific

defensive player, and he comes in handy during long games. With his stamina, you can use With three pointers the turbo running option often.



his only big weakness. Daffy is good for novice players.



He's deth-picable! The rackhammer defense will shake things up.

CIMER FORD

Elmer can match Bugs's shooting skills, and he's probably a better all-around player. He's not very quick, so an occasional shot of turbo speed will help.



laugh, but he's a vewy good owaver Ha-ha-ha-hahi



that singing opera could be so useful in haskethall?

WILE E. COYOTE

All that chasing after the Road Runner has sure built up Wile E.'s stamina! Let's hope he's better at basketball than he is at Like Daffy, Wile E. is catching some someone with good dinner!



offensive stats.



a bang out of ACME products

TASMANIAN DEVIL

He slobbers a lot. he's always hungry, and he's not great on offense. Taz can still perform well out there, but he Me am fast! Me am needs the right partner.



good at defense! aarrr-raaa-agh! TThhhhhhh—hht!!



Don't you wish you could spin like that?

VOSEMITE SAM

He's the shootingest varmint this side of the Pecos! Sam is quick on the draw with those three pointers, and speed is his only for any of the other weakness.







Dance, pardner! This defense only works at close range.

SVIVESTER

Though he has a big defensive deficit, Sylvester also has a good mix of other abilities. He's a good choice for battling it out under the basket or going for the rehound



Teaming Sylvester with Daffy or Sam could be pretty inter-



The Remote Control Defense delivers a crushing blow to the ball carrier.

MARVIN MAR

Marvin poses much more of a threat than you might think. With his speed and 3 pointer stats, he can rack up the score pretty quickly. Don't let *hnf* S000000 him catch "on fire!"



Losing makes him ana-arv!



The Disintegrator Defense can hurt your opponents and even vour teammate.



Sneaku Steal

If you're having trouble gaining possession, use these codes for a quick turnover. Enter the Earthquake code to make the offense drop the ball, then enter the "Here Boy!" code to change the ball into a dog. The dog will run to you, and you can take it downtown!



earthquake. The offense will drop the ball and everyone will fall down



Enter Right, Down, Left, Turbo to change the ball into a dog and call it to you. Get up and get moving!

WHEN YOU WASE HEGAM

call or write hintends to get game play help or to include about anything else related to your Mintendo systems, these are the page pleyou're talking to. As you know, the services they provide are invaluable.

There are a few changes taking place within the Call Center, so we thought that you could use an update.

TALK ABOUT BEING BUSY!

hat in the reason for running this article about the Call Center? Well, it's about change. The information that you can receive when you call Nintendo isn't going to change, but the way in which you get the info is. Almost ten years ago, Nintendo's Call Center consisted of about five people who answered several

approximately 350 people man the phone lines taking calls and also responding to mail that game players like you send in. According to Rob Thompson. Director of Consumer Service, Nintendo's Call Center handles an average of 120,000

phone calls a day. Times

have changed. Today,

consumer contacts per week. That number represents phone calls coming in on the Game Play Counseling and Consumer Service lines as well as letters answered by the Correspondence Department. It's no small feat to handle that many contacts in seven days!

SINCE OCTOBER 1985...

TOTAL CONSUMER CONTACTS 44.155.050

GAME PLAY COUNSELING & CONSUMER SERVICE 42.673.210

> CORRESPONDENCE 1,481,840

> > Nintendo's Call Center has posted some pretty impressive numbers over the past ten years. How many of these calls and letters belong to you?

It's always been a goal of the Call Center to handle as many consumer contacts as humanly possible while still providing a very high level of service. However, over the past few years, the num-

ber of calls has steadily been on the rise. That only makes sense. The more games there are to play, the more calls that are going to come in. One of the problems that can occur when so many people are calling is the number of phone representatives available at any given time doesn't adequately match the number of callers. The result? Busy signals. Lots of them. During a single week in December of last year, Nintendo's Call Center busied out

approximately 1.2 million calls, Granted. a good percentage of those busy signals were given out to callers who would hit the redial button on their phones over and over. Nonetheless, a large number of questions went unanswered.



Instead of going to a live Game Play Counselor, a call to 1-206-885-7529 gets directed here This is the Voice Response Unit system that operates Nintendo's Game Fip Line. And you're in control because it's all automated.

Go Station, he can select Donkey Kong Country from the menu of games and then select help with Bonus or secret Areas. From there, the caller would select Monkey Mines and then finally, Stop & Go Station. The information given is clear, precise and should direct you to your goal without much trouble at all. It's really fast and quite painless!

WHO IS

.....and why does everyone think that he's a Know-lt-All?

Because he is! Actually, he's not really a he. He's more of an it. And it is a computer network that every representative in Nintendo's Call Center uses religiously...especially the GPCs. While it's true that GPCs

know many games inside and out, they can't possibly know them all. To date, over 1500 Super NES, NES and



Game Boy games have been released. ELMO has critical game info on them all! The game info found in ELMO is compiled by a team of 12 GPCs, headed up by Ben Smith, Info Systems Supervisor. It's information created by GPCs for

GPCs! If GPCs tell you that they're checking their notes, they're probably searching ELMO. In its newest



form, ELMO is actually a textbased information database constructed using a Windows application called Folio VIEWS. Any Call Center representative can access any tidbit of information through ELMO in a matter of sec-

onds using a variety of menus and s e a r c h options. One of the best methods of searching for

information



is through the QUERY command. Click on 'QUERY' and then enter any word or words that are germane to the subject. For example, if you wanted to find the location of the Hi-Jump Boots in Super Metroid, you could enter 'hi jump boots' and any segments of the infobase that those three words appear in will be called up. It's really simple.

HOW THE VRU WORKS

pre-recorded game play information for the games attracting

the most attention on the GPC

lines. It's simple to use. Using a

touch-tone phone, a caller can select

a game from a menu of games cur-

rently on the Game Tip Line and con-

tinue to touch-tone their way through

the system, eventually narrowing

down the choices to hear the informa-

tion or tip they needed. For example,

if a caller has found all but one of the

Bonus Areas in Donkey Kong

Country and knows that the Bonus

Area yet to be found is in Stop &

EXAMPLE: Where are the Bonus Areas in Stop & Go Station?



THE VRU CAN HANDLE IT!

you were to compile a list of the games that generate the buggest number of calls to the GPC lines, you'd see that the top 12 to 15 games on that list are the games you'll find on the Voice Response Unit. Currently, up to 70% of the questions coming in on the GPC lines deal with games that will be handled by the VRU beginning March I. Just about any game play question that you have regarding games such as Donkey Kong Country, any Legend of Zelda game, Final Fantasy III, Illusion of Gaia, Breath of Fire and others can be answered by placing a call to the VRU. As

more people become aware of the VRU and realize that they can get many of their game play questions answered easily this way, the live GPC service should be easier to get through to.

MORE BIG NEWS

Mardli 1, 1995, live Game Play Counseling services will be available by calling 1-900-288-0707 in the U.S. or 1-900-451-4400 in Canada. The decision to place the GPC service on 900 lines was not a smap decision. Extensive research was none on other existing 900 number services to gather consumer opinions and anticipate usage when the switch to 900 number service took place. The main reason for the switch is that it will make it possible to answer more phone calls and help more callers with their game play questions. The split between the Game Tip Line and live Game Play Counseling is meant to streamline help for everyone.

With a large portion of calls being handled by the VRU. those players who really need to speak to a GPC shouldn't have a problem getting through. The 95 cents per minute (\$1.25 per minute Canada) that players pay will be used to offset some of the costs of the service

> All calls to the 1-900 GPC line and 1-800 Consumer Service line go through this high-tech ASPECT switching system.



WHO GIVE YOU THE INFORMATION

be video game industry has been booming since the NES launched about ten years ago. The amount of game play inflormation that Nintendo has compiled over the years is staggering, but there is also a ton of other Nintendo-specific information floating about. Each phone representative spends a considerable amount of time keeping up on what's happening in the World of Nintendo. Much of that information is collected and electronically distributed each week to all Call Center personnel through the Weekly Update, Ben Smith, Geoff Rainville, Info Systems Supervisor, and their teams of ELMO writers compile and write the stories that affect what the Call Center representatives talk to callers about. It's a big job and there's a lot of information, but ELMO makes it all easy to distribute. And YOU reap the benefits because you'll only get quality

info-not speculation.



BUT ARE THEY REALLY GOOD GAME PLAYERS

he answer to that question is resounding "Yes!" What do you think happens when you get paid to talk about games and play them all day? You get good, that's what! It's quite a challenge to stay on top of all the games that are released. Just as soon wo you begin to get into one game...BOOM, here comes another one that you have to play. Some of the GPCs' favorite distractions are the gaming tournaments that take place in the Call Center. In the display area near the entrance to the Call Center, there are a couple Super Nintendo

Entertainment Systems set up. This is where the battles take place. Huge crowds from miles around (well, not miles...more like yards) gather to view the events and to cheer the winners as they emerge victorious from their video confrontations. Two-player games like Uniracers, Tetris & Dr. Mario and Ken Griffey JF. Presents Major League Baseball are usually the games of choice for the Call Center tournaments.



Uniracers is just one of the games that Game Play Counselors challenge one another on. Tournaments are constantly going on in the Call Center

The display area also provides a perfect place where Call Center reps can check out materials gathered at Consumer Electronics Shows and other industry events. The latest Super Power Supplies merchandise is always on display in the area. From time to time, other video game systems, like the Sony PlayStation are also on display for the Call Center reps to try out and compare.

THE GAME CHECK-OUT ROOM

here is a magical room at one end of the Call Center that houses at least one capy of every single game ever created fine each Nintendo system. It's the Game Check-Out Room. Rows of file at line the walls, each containing or to precious to any serious gamer. Think about this If you were to own as many different games as there are in Game Check-Out, how long would it take you to play through them all? Remember, that's over 1500 games. What are you doing for the next several years? When a new game is



Imagine having this many games of your own! Game Play Counselors have all the luck. Now, where's that copy of Gyromite hiding?

released and is entered into the Game Check-Out inventory, a bar-code sticker is placed on each Game Pat. When someone wants to check out a game, the sticker is scanned by a bar-code reader, the person's badge number is entered into the computer system and the game is then recorded as being checked out by that person. It's just like checking out a book from a library!



Using a bar-code scanner "gun" similar to the scanners you might see in retail stores, the Game Check-Out "librarian" enters each game into the computer system. Without this system, it would be impossible to track all of the games.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A GPC?

You have to love to play games. Lots of games! A good GPC also has to be able to easily communicate any aspect about a certain game to a caller, whether it be a tip, strategy or some other tidbit of information. Not many people get to say that they play video games for a living. Nintendo only has one Call Center, in Redmond, Washington, so if you plan on becoming a Game Play Counselor, you'll want to reside inthe Greater Seattle area.



A COMMON MYTH

Here's one that we've heard many times: Now, when I call Game Play Counselors, do they have to go get the games and play them up to the points that I'm at before they can answer my questions? The answer, of course, is no. Many questions that callers ask are quite common. so the GPCs may know the answers right off the tops of their heads. However, if they don't know the answer, this is where ELMO comes in. That's right-it's the computer that knows all critical information on Nintendo games. While a caller is on the phone, the GPC can search through ELMO to locate the information. So, no matter what Nintendo game you're playing, ELMO can get you through the toughest spots!





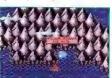
SUPER ADVENTURE ISLAND II

HOW DO I REACH FUWA-FUWA ISLAND?



efore you can get to Fuwa-Fuwa Island, you must return to Waku-Waku Island for clues. Stay at the Inn and talk to the king to find out about the spells you'll need in the future, then

tour the first five islands to collect them. To pick up each spell, you must visit its monument. There is one monument on each of the five islands, and you can pick the spells up in any order you'd like. Before



Find the five monuments and collect the five spells you'll need before setting sail for F.iwa-Firwa Island

you set sail for Fuwa-Fuwa, you should have the Moon, Agua, Sun, Star and Light Spells, Once you have them, sail south to the black mountain island. Enter the whirlpool on its southern shore to reach the island.



Sail due south to the dark, mountainous island and enter through the whirlpool at its south



HOW DO I GET PAST THE SECOND ROCK ON POKA-POKA ISLAND



ou can't move the rock in the center of Poka-Poka Island until you have the Shove ability, which you must purchase from the first Hermit. Go to Hiva-Hiva Island and head west along its southern shore until you reach the wall. Now walk up, all the way to the right. then down to reach the whirlpool. Enter the whirlpool to find the Hermit who teaches the Shove skill.

First, return to Waku-Waku Island and spend a

night at the Inn Talk to the king there ton.



Travel to Hiva-Hiva Island and find the Hermit's whirlpool Give him 100 Couns to learn Shove.



After learning the Shove skill, return to Poka-Poka Island to move the rock out of your way

EARTHWORM JIM

HOW DO I REACH THE FAR LEDGE IN STAGE 2?



t takes timing and practice to swing to the ledge to the left of the third gate in Stage 2. Use the Jim Whip to open the spiked gate, then swing over to the hooks on the left, Hold Left on the Control Pad and press A to fling the Jim Whip. As you swing from the first hook, immediately use the Jim Whip again to connect with the second hook. Swing from the second hook and hold Left to reach the ledge.



After you open the spiked gate, use the Jim Whip to swing over to the shiny, gold hooks on the left.



Keep ho ding Left on the Control Pad as you swing from the second hook to reach the distant ledge.



HOW CAN I SURVIVE UNDERWATER IN STAGE 3?



n Stage 3, you'll have to pick up Air Restorers in order to breathe inside the Mini-Sub. When you screw the tanks into the nozzle on the Mini-Sub, they refill

the craft with air. There are several Air Restorers in the earlier areas. but there is only one visible tank in the third area. To find an extra, hidden Air Restorer, fill up with the

first restorer, then dive all the way down, all the way to the right, then all the way back to the left. Look for two lights that mark the passage that leads to the other restorer.



The Air Restorers are resting on the seabed in several places. Use them to replenish the Minu Suh's air



After you pick up the first Air Restorer in area 3, continue down to the right, quickly but carefully



Look for the two lights that mark the entrance to the hidden passage. Go through the wall to find



HOW DO I DEFEAT MAJOR MUCUS?



ajor Mucus is a large, slimy ball suspended on a bungee cord. He'll try to smash you into the rocks to break your cord.

If Major Mucus manages to smash you into the rocks, your bungee cord could break.

Your goal is to snap his cord before he can snap yours. Stay away from the rocks at the sides of the screen and shove him into them whenever



When the mad major starts to som, avoid him until he comes to a stop, then attack again

the opportunity arises. When Mucus begins to spin rapidly, avoid him. Wait until he stops spinning, then shove him into the rocks again.



Use the Bungee Shave to force him into the rocks and break his cord. You'd have to defeat him three timee

ROBOTREK

HOW DO I FIX THE RUSTY DRILL?



fter Dr. Einst botches his attempt to blast an opening in the cave, exit the room and find the hole that is the alternate entrance. Fall into the hole and find the Treasure Chest that holds the Rusty Drill. The drill isn't usable in its present condition, but if you take it back to an Invention Machine and combine it with Clean, you'll get a refurbished drill that can bore through walls,



Drop into the hole to enter the cave, then take the Rusty Drill from the Treasure Chest inside



Take the Rusty Drill to an Invention Machine and combine it with Clean to get a useful drill



HOW DO I GET INTO THE BIO LAB'S TREASURE ROOM?



fter you are turned into a mouse, Kotetsu will offer to help you if you bring him the money from the Treasure Room. If you try to enter the Treasure Room through its front door, however, you'll find it blocked by three guards who won't budge. A couple of mice block the only other entrance. Return to the Lunchroom and chase the soldier out so the mice can eat. The mice will then tell you how to destroy the Earthquake Device. Now, when you return to the duct that was blocked by the mice, they'll leave. Enter the mouse hole and follow the duct to the Treasure Room. When you take the treasure back to Kotetsu, he'll tell you to return to the Secret Lab. When you do, he'll turn you back into a human. Now you can go to the Earthquake Device and destroy it by flipping the switches in the correct order.



Three guards prevent you from entering the Treasure Room through its front door. Find another entrance



The mice can't eat while the soldier is around. When you chase him off, the mice will give you a



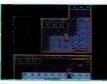
Destroy the Earthquake Device by flipping the right switch three times and the left one twice.



HOW DO I ESCAPE FROM JAIL IN ROCOCO?



ou must have the ability to change from one form to another in order to escape from jail. First, use the Surprise Horn to get the guard's attention. Before he reaches the cell door, Change into a mouse. When he opens the door, you can run out while he searches for his prisoner. Don't change back into a human until you're out of the station.



When you blow the Surprise Horn, the quard will come into the cell area to investigate



After blowing the horn, quickly Change into a mouse. When the guard opens the door, sneak out.

ONKEY KONG

HOW DO I COMPLETE LEVEL 8-14?



to Switch C and pull it to remove the platform so the Walking Block on the left will

fal, into the

lava below.

Cross over to

Switch B. Pull n to the left to drop the other Walking Block, then switch it back to the right to put the platform back.

LEVEL 8-14

(3) Go back to

the left and

pull Switch C to the right to

create a plat-

form ahove

(2) Continue to

the right, to

Switch B. Pull

rt to the naht

to open the

door beside

Switch C.

Climb up to the new pratform and cross over to Switch D. Pull it to the right to remove the plat-form from beneath the Walking Blocks above



Go down the ladder on the left, walk across the lava on the Walking Blocks and pick up the Key.

Climb the ladder, jump over to Switch A and pull it to the right to make lower platforms

(8) Take the Key up the elevator, cross over the upper platform, then open the door to the exit.

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BRAINLORD

appear.

Q: How do I light up dark rooms? A: Use the Light Jade.

Q: How do I destroy the ice blocks in the Ice Castle?

A: Use the FireSword. Q: How do I open the door in the

Floodgate room? Press X

ILLUSION OF GAIA

Q: Is there any way to get more than 12 Herhs?

A: No

Q: How do I get Gems that are out of reach?

A: Use your telekinetic power.

Q: How many Red Jewels are there? A: 50

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ALYZED BY THE BLINDING HT THE HULK STRUGGLES FREE HIMSELF ONLY TO FIND BEEN TRANSPORTED INTO A WORLD. UNLIKE ANY HE'S





The power of the Incredible Halk comes alive in this Super NES time from U.S. Gold. Your thal lenge is to guide the green machine through five tough levels and the super super supe released to the total levels. How tough is it? Well, we released last fall, but soon came to realize that Poyler reader could benefit from some strate.

defeat, the clusive Leader. For starters, check out these two Power moves that aren't in the manual. The Flying Shoulder



to make super moves like this pile driver (V + B)

Slam (hold Lor R then press Left or

Right on the Control Pad), will drive the robots nuts (and bolts).

LEVEL ONE CITY & CONSTRUC-TION SITE

In Level Cine, Hulk climbs the scaffolding of a local construction life to get unrough the Leader's robot army troops. Though Hulk can avoid much of the danger by transforming to bruce Banner so be can climb through the underground spining, be'll units out on an extra life and a few other valuable, tems found above ground.

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THE INCREDIBLE HULK

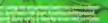


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TRANSFORMATION

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THE OLD ONE—TWO PUNCH AND JUMP!





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weid his charge.

lulk's big fall seems to have taken him back to the times of coman columns-and sol full of plifalls and secret pas-sages. Keep your eyes peeled for stone faces that come alive den switches that Hulk needs to punch to get through the mysterious catacombs. But be switch, it's lights out for Hulk! Also watch for the soldiers with the high-powered tri

and can do heavy damage ...

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ing 16 and that will disappear as say ou see him. He sho is already fireballs it Hulls, tanget-of him from the Crow hi win and walt until arrogant tyramus files close enough for out it deliver an uppercus, or rise to his level and nail him with a stiff jab

TYRANNUS THE OL' BAIT AND SWITCH!







the swift Tyrainius, but before long he'll adjust his angle of attack. Mix im your moves, and turn this antiquated warrior back to stone!

LEVEL THREE THE LEADER'S FORTRESS

the infuriated Hull noeads to the fortress of his ghenemy, the Leader. But wait, as Hulk must first face the defenders of the outer lair. It's well-guarded by a

and a series of tricky and hard-to-see switches. It will lake Bruce Runner's genius ic and turns (and ups and downs). Utmost of all it will take patience to make it patience is a tone of high a strong suits.

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THE INCREDIBLE
HULK

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Same switches open harriers and others close them. If yes ind yearself stack in an area retract year steps to see if you tan find a switch that year missed earlier.





A LITTLE HELP

Avoid the temptation of hitting this switch Instead, continue up and make short work of the robot, then head left to find a Time Capsule—just in case things don't work out this time around





ABSORBING ABSORB THIS!

MAN

Absorbing Man is a mutant who was fused with the ball and chain he wore in prison before becoming one of the leader's benchman. Staylear of his swinging ball and wait until he makes a move of allow him closely as he mayes to the left and right then hit him white he's winding up. He'll recharge three innes by absorbing the energy from nearby walls, but the mighty Hukk an outlast him.





If the Hulk feels lucky, he can do serious damage with an upperput that will send Absorbing Man Ilying off the screen!

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LEVEL FOUR THE LEADER'S INTERIOR

i's a trap! Absorbing Man was only a decoy used by the dever Leader to lure Hulk to a strange and cavernous land. The cavern shold many traps and are patrolled by spiky lizards and leaping alugs. Hulk knows he s close—he can feel the Leader's evil presence pul-sating throughout the caverns. The distractions only serve to boost Hulk's deter-mination as he moves closer to hisgoal.

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SULLEY



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No wonder Hulk's been feeling a bit "nervous"—this cavern is a

sized bouncing brain. The Siks genius an matches in its level of tratelligen co deadly pulses of new electric energy, and bit The Brain where it's most vulnerable— around back at the medullal

ATTACK FROM THE REAL







in. Charge to the right and zero in on the lobe near the spine, the modulia! But he

LEVEL FIVE THE FINAL BATTLE

Once again, Hulk senses the Leader—he can aimost smell is sevil presence. He's very very close, But first, he must regulate some of the longh est terrain yet. You'll need both the massive power of the flulk as well as Dr. Banner's agility and intelligence to survive. Besides the Leader's hasty robots and cannons. Hulk will have to contend with metallic birds of prey and bone-crushing hydraulic barriers!

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THE INCREDIBLE
HULK







ELUUK LIEFÜLE YOU LEAF

Breek through this wall to collect a gardi-mode; francismator Capaule. Be sure to get it before yourse to the pfattern allows. Once you're up there the wirely Hulk's bulk.







When yet come to this first set of hydraulic barriers, transform into Dr. Banner and crawf through. This will allow you to deck under the fire of the weighing refeds, and you wen't have to worry about the electric floor









THE LEADER

You're i mally for the cackling madman simself. The Hall is eether as he lay seyes our his relience. Don't let make the cook you. You'll have trouble putting his reign of terror to an end, with a conventional arack. As Dr. Bannes, you won't be able to hurt the Leader. Hulk must control his rage long enough to discovert he leader.



Although they re effective in other situations, Helk's jabs will only amount the Leisler



The secret se victory is a mighty, furious uppercut that will send the evil Leader sailing to his down down the nearby

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ARDY'S SKILLS

Ardy Lightfoot is unusual in that you spend more time running away from enemies than defeating them, and Ardy has a bag full of tricks for eluding enemies. Mastering his moves is the key to completing the game.

RUNNING

The best way to avoid an enemy is to run away. You'll also need to get a running start to make it over some of the jumps you'll come across on your journey. If you press and hold the Control Pad in one direction, Ardy will start running.



BUUNCIN

Bouncing is the only way Ardy can attack an enemy without the help of Pec. You'll also need to bounce in order to reach platforms that are above you. To bounce press B to jump, then press B again when you land.



HIDING

If all else fails, Ardy can avoid an enemy attack by hiding. When you hold Up on the Control Pad, Ardy will pull out his magic cloth and disappear behind it. The bad guys can't hit what they can't see.



PECL

Ardy's little buddy Pec is the fighter of the duo. When Pec is

traveling with Ardy, he can swoop ahead and swallow up the bad guys. Pec will also block enemy attacks with his body to save Ardy.



Use Pec to clear the enemies out of Ardy's path, but be careful - if Ardy gets hits Pec will be lost.

When you find Pec's Power-Ups along the way, he will be able to help you in ways you won't believe



Prism Land

Ardy's quest for the Seven Pieces of Power drags him across a wide range of terrains and into all sorts of trouble.

Here are a just a few of the problems that Ardy will face along the way. Read up and get ready to travel!

As Ardy heads into the village, an evil, giant mole steals the First Piece of Power and heads underground with it. Follow the mole's lead and search the subterranean caverns for the missing Piece. This area isn't very tough, but some of the enemies may be hiding where you can't see them. Throw Pec out in front of you to swallow your foes whole.



in shambles and the Piece of Power has been stolen. Follow that mole!



The caverns are dark, so keep an eye out for hidden enemies. Pec can clear the way if you still have him

Getting to Gilson's boat can be a very tricky endeavor. Your raft is only sturdy enough to make it about a quarter of the way through the level before it sinks. Making it the rest of the way requires that you jump from life raft to life raft while avoiding the enemies along the way. Use your bounce to make long jumps.



Jumping from boat to boat isn't the safest way to trave, but it sure beats swimming with the sharks



Be careful when you face the Captain. If you jump past the edge of the anchor, you're sunk!

The end of Ardy's quest is near, but the worst of Visconti's traps are still ahead of you. Dangers are waiting in every corridor and hallway throughout this castle. Remember that some dangers can be used to your advantage. For instance, you can ride the deadly spears as long as their points don't hit you



Evil abounds in Visconti's fortress. Work your way through careful



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I smally you can bounce of I was a miss heads, but this time Secretofic was a work of your reach. As soon as yes enter this area, user our houseling ability to spring up moths pillar on secretary side of the arrow, men grante mirror that is sitting there. Hap back down to the aim them to hit him.



This live around Ardy can't jump high enough to bounce off Seecr

e the mirror that is sitting on the Ir and use it to reflect Beacroft's is at him





Both Bubsy and Bubsy II are s ... ing action games white warps and seered mations are good, but it seems like the programmers didn't learn a whole los shows the scroll in the original game because it's present again in Bubsy II. It really hurts the play control and overall enjoyment of of the best things about Bubsy II. though, is the fact that the cat can use weapons and other goods-





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Game on the





Move Bubsy up or down to change the intensit of the launch thrust before flinging amphibians It's better than frog baseball!





Collect marbles and try to find a 1-Up as you blo through the engine's cooling system. Avoid find-ing tires

the regular game, put on the ver's suit and jump into the iter to find the underwater Mini ume. This one's easy.





Try to score as many bubbles as you can before the whirlpool touches you and ends your game Bounce off the fish.

The bobcat gets to use an assortment of weapons in his second game! A Nerf-like pop-gun is Bubsy's most versatile buffer against oncoming threats. Smart Bombs also come in handy in tricky situations. Using one eliminates all of the baddies on the screen at the time. You can exit a stage with the old hole-in-the-wall trick, too.



one you're looking for, press the A Button to tree it

Bubsy gets to do some flying in his new game! Some stages require him to pilot a bi-plane and some stages will send him into outer space to do galactic battle with space scum. Collect marbles and shoot everything evil. You can turn around by pressing the L or

180 in some of the stages.

R Button. You'll have to do a



Don't run into any object or enemy that looks as if it will hurt you because it probably will. Shoot rapidly at anything that moves.

YENTURE OUT

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to life.



You can enter and complete the stages in any order you choose. An Egyptian theme sets the tone for Bubsy's King of De-Nile trek. Speaking of denial, no matter how much he tries to cope with it, Bubsy can't deny that taking a bath does him in. That's probably why the underwater suit has been added. Make sure you don't land the cool cat in a deep vat or pool of liquid without the diver's suit. It can occur





in several places throughout this stage. Watch out for the dragon



Bubsy can handle the water slides, just not pools of the stuff. Avoid the flames, too-unless you want to singe the bobcat's tail. (While cruel, it's kind of fun to do.) paintings on the walls. They come



Bach in Time is a wide-open array of gigantic musical notes and instruments. Bubsy doesn't get to play any of the instruments, but he gets to play on them. Jumping from note and note and from trumpet to trumpet, the cat has to locate the exit. It's actually not an easy task. Take as many clues from the arrows as you can. You'll have to do some warping through the open



doorways to clear this musical mad house. Many enemies don't stand



Get the most out of your jumps by holding the Jump Button when bouncing off of a trumpet or a drum if you fail a long way, hold the Glide Button so you don't crash land.

out from the background here, so watch your tail.





When bunting for loot, you shouldn't pay much attention to the arrows. If you just follow arrows, you'd have a hard time finding secret passages and other coo stuff

There is a peculiar proliferation of porkers in this stage. Look for hidden passages all over the place. They will lead to caches of marbles, 1-Ups and warp doors. Hamalot is a good stage to start on. You can score firepower lmost imagediately. If the packs of

pigs (or whatever else ails you) get to be too much, just uncork on them with a Smart Bomb, That'll fix 'em! Overall, this may be the easiest stage tocomplete. It's more like the original Bubsy game than other stages.



There are lots of enemies in this stage, but it seems that it's not as important to do away with them here as it is in other stages. The important things to look for are switches that shut down electrical barriers. Stand near them and press Up on the Control Pad to throw them. Enter any door that you see and get the "lay of the land." This would be a good stage

to test your mapping skills! Fire constantly when you are piloting the spaceship.

counterpas 1 Seconces in graphics and sound, but you can expect the same kind of game play from the Game Boy title. You begin by begin by case five. The Game Boy game plays slower than the Super NES, but it's like a blessing in disguise. the play control can't keep up. While the play control of

OWN NES game. Some of the jumps that you have to make are tricky. One of the most difficult

falling of



Each time that Bubsy takes the controls of the space ship, he'll be assaulted by angry space blobs. Just blow them away while collecting marbles

Don't try to go through this stage on auto-pilot-you can't! The bi-plane doesn't respond very quickly, so you have to stay sharp. It's critical to know that you can turn the plane around and go the other way. Just press the L or R Button. To pick up some weapons and possibly 1-Ups, zig-zag through the stage. Some things that look like obstacles

really aren't. For example, you can pass through the balloons, but you can't run into the baskets that hang from the balloons.



If you run into a slew of enemies, it's a good bet that they're guarding something valuable-like a 1-Up or a 2-Up. There are a couple double-Ups in this stage!





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AS THE ANNUAL AWARDS SEASON ROLLS AROUND ONCE AGAIN, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LET ARK YOUR RESPONSE CARD AND SEND

GRAPHICS & SOUND

It was a big, big year for the Graphics & Sound category, with ACM and cel animation breaking new ground

- SUPER NES - A-

- 1. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY
- 2. EARTHWORM JIM
- 3. SUPER METROID
- 4. BLACKTHORNE
- 5. LION KING
- 6. SUPER PUNCH-OUT!!
- 7. THE ADVENTURES OF BATMAN & ROBIN 8. FINAL FANTASY III

–GAME BOY- B –

- 1. WARIO LAND: SML 3 2. DONKEY KONG LAND
- 3. DAFFY DUCK: THE MARYON MISSIONS
 4. CONTRA: THE ALIEN WARS 5. WARIO BLAST

CHALLENGE

Every gamer appreciates a good challenge. These games are nomi-nated for their ability to keep players up all night.

- SUPER NES-E-

- 1. FINAL FANTASY III
- 2. SUPER PUNCH-OUT!!
- 3. SUPER METROID
- 4. EARTHWORM JIM
- 5. BLACKTHORNE 6. MORTAL KOMBAT II

THEME & FUN

New themes made 1994 a them themes made 1994 a lively year, with a handful of innovative games that stand out in the crowded Super NES field.

-SUPER NES-C-

- 1. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY
- 2. NBA JAM 3. EARTHWORM JIM
- 4. MORTAL KOMBAT II
- 5. SUPER METROID 6. UNIRACERS
- 7. PITFALL: THE MAYAN ADVENTURE

-GAME BOY-D-

- 1. WARIO LAND: SML 3
- 2. DONKEY KONG
- 3. WARIOBLAST
- 4. MORTAL KOMBAT II
- 5. MEGA MAN V
- 6. NBA JAM
- 7. SAMURAI SHODOWN

-GAME BOY-F-

- I. WARIO LAND: SML 3
- 2. MEGA MAN V
- 3. DONKEY KONG
- 4. TETRIS 2 5. JUNGLE BOOK



PLAY CONTROL

Play control can make the difference between a hit and a miss. These nominees are recognized for their precise

—SUPER NES-G-

- I. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY
- 2. SUPER METROID
- 3. SUPER STREETFIGHTER II: 4. NBA LIVE 195
- S. UNIRACERS
- 6. SUPER PUNCH-OUT!! 7. MEGA MAN X2
- 8. EARTHWORM JIM

-GAME BOY-H-

- I. MORTAL KOMBAT II

- 2. DONKEY KONG 3. WILD SNAKE 4. WARIO LAND: SML 3 5. MEGA MAN V 6. WARIO BLAST

BEST EPIC

Involving adventures and RPGs are finding a larger fol-lowing all the time, and 1994 offered up some real treats for fans of the genre. Great story lines—and great challenges— made these epics winners:

- ANY NINTENDO SYSTEM - 1 -

- 1. FINAL FANTASY III
- 2. ILLUSION OF GAIA 3. BREATH OF FIRE
- 4. BRAINLORD
- 5. DRAGON VIEW
- 6. UNCHARTED WATERS: NEW HORIZONS
- 7. LORD OF THE RINGS

BEST TOURNAMENT FIGHTER

Tournament fighting games continued to be the hottest properties in 1994. The coming year will tell whether they can continue to dominate. Remember that Killer Instinct doesn't qualify until next year.

- ANY MINTENDO SYSTEM I -I. MORTAL KOMBAT II
- 2. SUPER STREETFIGHTER II 3. C2: JUDGMENT CLAY
- 4. FATAL FURY II 5. SAMURAI SHODOWN 6. BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY

BEST SPORTS GAME

The Sports category had some of the hottest competition in the industry, with stars from every sport lining up to endorse new games. Only a couple nominees have star power attached though

- ANY NINTENDO SYSTEM - K -

- 1. KEN GRIFFEY JR. PRESENTS MLB
- 2. NBA JAM 3. MADDEN '95
- 4. NBA LIVE '95
 - 5. FIFA INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

EST MULTI-LAYER GAME

The nominees in this category kept players crowded around game screens here at NOA headquarters as lengthy tour-naments separated the wannabes from the hotshots who claimed the bragging

- ANY NINTENDO SYSTEM - L -

- 1. SUPER BOMBERMAN 2
- 2. NBA JAM
- 3. NBA LIVE '95
- 4. UNIRACERS 5. WWF RAW
- 6. WARIO BLAST



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BEST HERO

This category includes an interesting mix of longtime greats and names new to the small screen. Who would have thought that a worm would be in the running

- 1. DONKEY KONG
- 2. EARTHWORM JIM
 3. DIDDY KONG
 4. SAMUS ARAN
 5. MEGA MAN

- 6. LUKE SKYWALKER 7. FIREBRAND
- 8. SPIDER-MAN

WORST BADDIE

On the flip side, we're also recognizing characters in roles that support major villains. We have some bad actors nominated in this all-new category.



- 1. SILVER SPACE PIRATE (SUPER METROID) 2. ROCKCROK
- 3. ULTROS (FF III)
- 4. BEETOM

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WORST VILLAIN

Bad bous (and airls) from all over the video galaxy are up for the dubious honor of being the most reviled villain. Year in uear out, we love to hate'em!

- 1. CARNAGE
- 2. KING K. ROOL 3. ANTI-UNI
- A. SCAR
- 5. MOTHER BRAIN
- 6. SHAO KAHN
- 7. MAJOR MUCUS

BEST ORIGINAL CHARACTER

Developers go out on a limb when they create their own characters, but sometimes their creations are big hits destined to star in repeat performances.

- 1. EARTHWORM JIM
- 2. BLACKTHORNE
- 3. ZERO
- 4. DIDDY KONG 5. SPIKE MCFANG
- 6. CRANKY KONG
- 7. LESTER THE UNLIKELY

COOLEST WEAPON OR ITEM

This is the category that makes you wonder who comes up with these things—and why. Some of the most innovative ideas of 1994 are have been nominated.

- 1. GRAPPLING BEAM (SUPER METROID)
- 2. EDGAR'S CHAINSAW (FF III)
- 2. EUDAR'S (ANDAW (FF III)
 3. LIGHT SABRE (SUPER JEDI)
 4. SPIDEY'S WEB SHOT (MAXIMUM CARNAGE)
 5. JIM WHIP (EARTHWORM JIM)
 6. X-RAY SCOPE (SUPER METROID)
 7. MOOGLE CHARM (FF III)

BEST GOODIF

It's high time for hard-working sidekicks to get some recognition, so we've added this new category to do just that. These characters play supportina roles.



- 1. ENGUARDE (DKC) 2. RAMBI (DKC)
- 3. INTERCEPTOR (FFIII) 4. THE ETECOONS (SUPER
- METROID 5. WICKET (SUPER JEDI) 6. CRANKY KONG (DKC)
 - 7. DACHOLA (SUPER METROID)



BEST SETTING OR STORY

The stories behind the games can make or break the gaming experience. Some, such as the legend of Samus Aran, are rich enough to span several games.

I. FINAL FANTASY III

- 2. EARTHWORM JIM
- 3. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 4. ILLUSION OF GAIA
- **5. BLACKTHORNE**
- 6. SUPER METROID
 7. SUPER RETURN OF THE JED!
 8. DEMON'S CREST

COOLEST ANSPORTATION

This year's games featured modes of transportation that ran the gamut, ranging from airships to flying dinosaurs. The stand-outs appear in this category.

I. SETZER'S AIRSHIP

- (FF III) 2. ALUMINUM
- (TIN STAR'S HORSE)
- 3. DARWIN
- (SEAQUEST DSV) 4. CHOCOBOS
- (FF 111) 5. JET BIKE
- (EARTHWORM JIM) 6. FOREST SPEEDER (SUPER JEDI)

BEST MOVE

This hotly-contested category includes the nominees for the slickest moves in the video game world. Only one of the maneuvers can reign süpreme

- 1. THE CRYSTAL FLASH (SUPER METROID) 2. THE SPACE JUMP (SUPER METROID)
- 3. THE 360° REVERSE SLAM (NBA LIVE '95)
- 4. THE BARREL SHOT (DKC)
- 5. THE HELICOPTER JAM (NBA JAM)
- 6. THE NASAL BURST (MK II)
- 7. THE EAR BOX (SUPER PUNCH-OUT!!)

Last year was a great one for the video gamer, with outstanding titles in several categories. Which one will take top honors? Look for the results in

- 1. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY
- 2. FINAL FANTASY III
- 3. EARTHWORM JIM
- 4. MORTAL KOMBAT II
- 5. SUPER METROID
- 6. NBA JAM

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THE Power Players'



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FINAL FANTASY III

So you think you're the hottest game player around? Then check this challenge out. We want you to beat Kefka in the Final Battle using only Imps in your party. The Nintendo FFIII champ, Chuck, was able to do it, and he's got proof! If you want to repeat his feat, you'll need to have your camera ready when you head into the Final Battle. Wait until Kefka starts exploding before you take your shot, or no one will believe you did it.



POWER CHALLENGE

TETRIS & DR. MARIO

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Which is your favorite? Pick your favorite of the two and rack-up as many points as you can. You can set your game at any level and at any speed, so choose your challenge and start playing! The top players for each game will receive the stamps and the recognition that go along with being champ!



Choose your favorite game and start dropping the blocks. The best scores from each game take the prize

POWER CHALLENGE 2

BASSIN'S BLACK BASS WITH HANK PARKER



It's time once again for the great Nintendo Power Bass Tournament. Last time we ran a Black Bass challenge, the response was so huge we had to print the top weights in several issues of the magazine! Grab your favorite lure and land a lunker.

Bait your hooks and start fishing. You'll need to do better than this if you want to win.

ENTER THE ARENA!

Be sure to write your name, address and Member Number on the back of your photo when you send in your Challenge or entry for one of our Challenges. At entries to the Challenges printed in this issue must be received no leter than March 20, 1995 tought if y for the Power Stamp prizes. The players who bast complete Challenges will the power Stamp prizes. receive four Super Power Stamps for use towards the purchase of Super Power Supplies. Scores printed are determined by the Nintendo Power Staff

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Hev! Look at this awesome score. Too bad somebody had to use a game enhancement device to get it. Next time, play the game yourself.

PANTS ON FIRE

WILD SNAKE Highest Score

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Mark Roberts

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POWER CHALLENGE

THIS MONTH'S

WINNERS FOR:

AND THE PHOTO

marillo, TX Nice photo, Jason!



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Yikes! What happen to this photo?

Before you can enter one of the challenges, you must capture your score on film. As many of you know, this can be tricky. If you are taking a photo of a Super NES game, first move your system near your television so you can get a photo of both the system and screen at the same time. Dim the lights in the room a little bit, then take a few photos without a flash. When you are taking a photo of a Game Boy, place it on a flat



surface and take the shot using natural light (NO FLASH!). If you are using a game enhancement device to get your entry score, guit cheating and try again without it.

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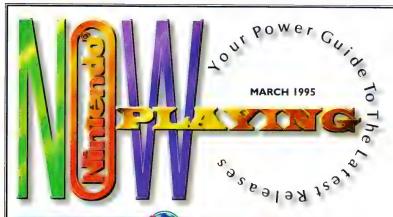
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ARDY LIGHTFOOT



CompanyTitus Release Date March-April 1995 Memory Size.....8 Megabits

Ardy Lightfoot out-foxes the compe-

Ardy Lightfoot and Pec, his Kirby-like helper, set off on an adventure that leads him into danger throughout seven worlds. He must gather the pieces of the shattered Rainbow of Power and end Visconti's evil reign. The pieces are scat-

tered between land and sea. Ardy uses Pec as a weapon. He also must puzzle through certain areas. The variety of platform action includes jumping on moving objects among other things, Learn about all of Ardy's moves in this month's review.

A fun platform game with lots of variety.

The object oriented password is difficult to record

BRANDISH



CompanyKoei Release DateMarch 1995 Memory Size......12 Megabits

Koei steps into the world of real-time action with this fantasy adventure.

You won't have to worry about rice and floods in this game from Koei, but you will have to worry about

keeping your head attached to your shoulders. In Brandish, you play the role of a hero who falls into the



underworld. Your goal is to climb back to civilization, but that will take you through countless dangers. Puzzles and traps litter the path while monsters stalk you through the endless mazes. If that sounds about par for the

course, remember that this game isn't an RPG. You're in control of your character and his weapons from the moment you land in the Ruins. The adventure takes you through five large maze areas of the fallen land of Berimva.

A great game for patient players who like puzzles and maps Battery backed memory. Lots of items, secrets and weapons.

Simple graphics. The overhead view consists of pathways with few variations. Don't expect the open map found in Zelda garnes.

RREAKTHRU



Company.....Spectrum Holobyte Release Date......January 1995

Memory Size.....4 Megabits

Alexei "Tetris" Pajitnov puts his stamp of approval on another puzzler.

BreakThru for the Super NES is a sort of anti-Tetris. You begin with an area partially filled with blocks.



You must manipulate the blocks that appear at the top of the screen so as to match them to the existing blocks below and reduce the stack. There are variations of play and you can plug in your Super NES Mouse to use as a Controller.

Simple to learn, but 🔎 challenging.



Not as addictive or captivating as Tetris. Unremarkable sound and graphics.

RUST A MOUE





Combine your puzzle-solving skills and shooting skills with Bust A Move.

Taito's Bust A Move is another deceptively simple action puzzler that can capture players' hearts and imaginations. Patterns of colored bubbles slowly

descend while you fire at them from below with a bubble cannon. When a bubble shot from the cannon connects with several bubbles of the same color, they fall. Eliminate all the bubbles and you can go on to the



next, more challenging level. Power explores the intricacies of using Thunder Bubbles, Flame Bubbles and Wild Card Bubbles in this issue.

It's fun, and not as simple as it looks.



You can't always aim the cannon with precision.

CARRIER ACES





.....Cybersoft Company Release DateFebruary 1995 Memory Size 16 Megabits

Command and fly squadrons of carrierbased aircraft in WWII engagements, if you have the guts!

Carrier Aces puts you in command of Japanese or American forces in the Pacific campaign of World War II. You begin by choosing from one of seven real missions or six training missions. Next, you build a



squadron from planes available on your carrier. For the Americans, you have Hellfire and Wildcat fighters and Dauntless and Avenger bombers. The Japanese side has Zero fighters, D3A1 "Val"

dive bombers and BSN "Kate" Torpedo Bombers. Once in the air, your squadron moves toward the enemy squadron. You'll choose which planes to use in a dogfight, then switch to the dogfight view-either inside the cockpit or behind the plane. Carrier Aces lets two pilots dog it out, or one player can challenge the computer. The flying views, as with many flight sims, are fairly simple and you spend most of your time trying to find the enemies rather than engaging them. Players used to modern armaments including air-to-air missiles will find many limitations to the 1940's fighters. Make sure you switch to your cockpit view when engaging the enemy. Otherwise you won't be able to see your shots.

More strategic than most flight sims. Two-player combat. Historic missions. Good sound.

Dogfighting is tedious. Sprites don't always move appropriately.

HAGANE





CompanyHudson Soft Release Date March-April 1995 Memory Size......16 Megabits

Revenge, action and the ultimate challenge! Hagane!

The cyborg ninja of a Japanese clan is brought back from near death to exact revenge and save the world in Hudson Soft's new side-scroller. This action



game looks and feels a lot like a Ninja Gaiden game, but it doesn't have as much variation as those classic NES titles. As Hagane, you use swords, whips and shuriken "throwing stars" to attack enemies. Defeat enemies to gain new weapon items and Power-Ups. You can earn 1-Ups to keep you going, but there is no save feature-and it's a bruiser.

Very challenging. Good play control. Fans of this type of non-stop action game will eat it up.

It's pretty standard stuff and the graphics look like a good NES





Release Date March 1995 Memory Size......8 Megabits

Some like it hot, and some like it scorching. If you've ever wanted to fight fires and become a hero, The Ignition Factor gives you a hot opportūnity.



The Ignition Factor puts you in the midst of a fire fighting team faced with realistic catastrophes. The action really heats up when you plunge into the heart of the blaze armed only with an ax and a tank of chemicals. In each of

the scenarios, you'll have to race against the clock to save lives. Part of the challenge comes from choosing the right equipment and part comes from testing your quickness. The burning buildings are large, so you also have to remember where you've been and what you found in each location. Don't miss this month's backdraft primer.

Different. Fun. Good graphics, control, and game design.

Game doesn't last long enough. Not enough scenarios.

control of the island from the dingsaurs and to

determine its fate. The chaos continues in

Jurassic Park when a team of paramilitary troopers is dropped on the island to retake control. One thing going for you is an awe-



some arsenal of weapons, which are conveniently at your disposal at all times. You can choose from one of six missions that involve toasting dinosaurs or trashing a task force from the Biosyn company that opposes you. Neither target will be easy to take out.

Humans return to Isla Nublar to retake

Challenging (due to the difficulty of defeating enemies). Good music and sound effects. Two-player option.

Unbalanced play (Some basic enemies are virtually impossible to destroy while others are simple.) Weapons have little stopping nower

THE ITCHY & SCRATCHY GAME





Release DateFebruary 1995 Memory Size...... Megabits

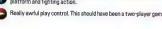
Cat's and mice don't mix, but they do mix-it-up in this cartoon action game starring the two cameo stars from The Simpsons.

In this game, you control Itchy while the computer controls Scratchy. Each of you has a Life Meter. If Itchy depletes Scratchy's Life Meter-through the clever application of various attacks-then you get to move on to the next cartoon set. If Scratchy depletes Itchy's Meter, the game is over. Scratchy gets some help from

armv of little Scratchlings, but Itchy can pick up items and weapons to help him tame the persistent puss.



- The Simpson's colorful style of graphics. An interesting mix of platform and fighting action.
- Really awful play control. This should have been a two-player game.







CompanyOcean Release DateJanuary 1995 Memory Size 16 Megabits

LOONEY TUNES BERALE



Company Release Date March 1995 Memory Size...... 16 Megabits

Some have called it the wackiest sport in the world. Where NBA Jam doesn't dare dribble! Where no rabbit has gone before!

Sunsoft's wild Looney Tunes B-Ball is a slap in the face with a wet tuna and a boot in the seat of the pants to serious sports games, and that's where the fun comes in. Bugs and company can set the Wacky Meter. then head onto the basket-



ball court where they slam. Bugs is joined by Daffy, Marvin the Martian, Sylvester, Yosemite Sam, Taz, Wile E. Coyote, and Elmer Fudd. Instead of getting On Fire, as in NBA Jam, the Tunes characters spend money to perform nutty stunts like throwing a cream pie at the opponent. Check out the review in this issue of Power.

A different sort of sports game with fun characters and wacky moves. Fair play control and graphics. A fun game for up to four players.

Annoying sound track. Don't expect NBA Jam with toons.

METAL HIBBRIORS



CompanyKonam Release Date March 1995 Memory Size 16 Megabits Futuristic combat never looked so cool, or so dangerous. Konami brings you

the ultimate in battle-bots.

The Metal Warriors are huge battle robots with human pilots inside. You, of course, are one of the pilots. The game can be played in mission style or as a two-



player duel of the century. The game was developed by Lucasarts and every aspect of play shows the quality that we've come to expect from both Lucasarts and Konami. In this month's review, you'll learn how to survive inside or outside vour Metal Warrior.

Excellent action and two-player fun. Cool sci-fi graphics.
 Excellent play control.

Two-player split screen scrolling views can become confusing.



The tiny racing machines make tracks wherever they can, including all over the house.



As popular as Micro Machines are as models, it is difficult to do a good job representing them on the screen. The idea is that you can race with the tiny vehicles, and you do, but the viewpoint is so removed that the cars become truly microscopic. The race

courses are laid out in household settings, but the level of detail isn't high. On the other hand, the racing is simple and you don't have to be Michael Andretti to figure out the strategy. There's also a multi-player option that adds to the fun.

Simple and fun if you have a crowd of drivers.



Memory Size 4 Megabits



New options, sharper graphics and smoother control make this the Jam of the Century! Williams' and Acclaim teamed up once again to deliver an NBA Jam experience that rivals the arcades. This year's Tournament Edition closes the gap between the quarter crunchers and Super NES even further.



Even better, Tournament Jam has more players, new celebrities and secret players, plus tons of secret cheat codes that you'll find right here in Nintendo Power. This month, turn to the feature review to get the NBA codes.

Excellent graphics and improved play control over the original NBA Jam. A battery backed-up memory saves records for up to 16 players Extra players on team rosters. Awesome action for up to four players at a time. Eight stat categories. Good sound and voice.

Secret Players have no injuries or stats. Extended rosters accessible only after completing one full round.

PINBALL FANTASHES



Company.......GameTek
Release Date......February 1995
Memory Size......8 Megabits

Pinball Dreams was just the beginning. Now, GameTek brings the fantasy home with the most pinball action in one Pak. Pinball Fantasies takes off where Pinball Dreams

Pinball Fantasies takes off where Pinball Dreams ended--with fast pinball action in a variety of machines. Fantasies includes four different games,



each with its own theme and special scoring opportunities and secrets. If you want a realistic pinball experience, look at Super Pinball from Nintendo. If you want variety, Pinball Fantasies may be your best bet. Up

to eight players can pass the controller in the alternating mode.

Four games with a variety of play possibilities.



Simple graphics that aren't realis-

RISE OF THE ROBOTS



CompanyAcclaim	
Release DateJanuary	
Memory Size32 Mega	bits

Awesome graphics shine in this futuristic fighting tournament from across the Atlantic.



Although it is a tournament fighting game, the story of Rise of the Robots is a bit different and animation scenes move the story along between the battles. You are on a mission that requires you to fight

through a tower guarded by lethal robots. The idea is great, and the graphics are perhaps second only to Donkey Kong Country for sophistication, but the game play is simplistic for a fighting game and play control is noticeably slow. Acclaim picked up this future fighter from Mirage Technologies in the United Kingdom after Absolute decided to drop it.

Great graphics.

Poor play control.

OS GATOS BANDIDOS

Company.....Sunsoft Release Date March-April 1995 Memory Size......8 Megabits

Wherever there is cheese in danger of spoiling, Speedy Gonzalez will be there to defend and eat it!

Sunsoft's series of Looney Tunes games continues with Speedy G. in his debut Super NES appearance. This Mexican mouse charges at high speed through multi-layered levels similar to



those in Roadrunner's Death Valley Rally, Play control is much better, though, and you'll be able to scorch the paths. The idea is simple enough-rescuing Speedy's mouse pals from cages-but the areas are big enough to make each level interesting. If you can keep up the pace, check out the review in this issue of Power.

Good graphics and play control. Fun.

Once you've memorized the locations of captive mice, the challenge is gone. Little replay value, except for increasing Speedy's speed.





CompanyNintendo Release DateJanuary 1995 Memory Size......8 Megabits

What happens when you combine the two best action puzzlers of all time? Just what the doctor ordered.



Tetris & Dr. Mario combines the two popular puzzles and sets them side-byside on a split screen for wild two-player action match-ups. Nintendo Power explores the strategies of mixing tetrads with vitamins on the Super NES

in this month's review.

Great challenge and fun, especially as a two-player match.

You probably already own these on another platform.

THE TICK



CompanyFox Interactive Release DateDecember 1994 Memory Size...... 16 Megabits

Who is this man in blue, this enigma with antennae, this hero of the silly and blundering? He is...The TICK!

The Tick's instant celebrity this last year with a new Saturday morning cartoon show and a video game has left him scratching his head in wonder. Why, just the week before he had been just another comic book hero strug-



gling to keep his weight down. In the video game from Fox, our hero meets many of his wonderfully weird enemies from the comic/cartoon world while gaining support from some of his even sillier friends. The puzzling part of this game is the number of ninjas. There are ninjas everywhere, and they aren't very good ninjas because you can see them and kick them once or twice to beat them. The best part of this game is the humor exhibited by some of the moves. The Tick's rooftop ballet is just one example. There's also a weird logic at play here. For instance, if the Tick stumbles and falls. he ends up in an alley below where he must fight some freakish guy with a chain saw or the like. Tick fans will enjoy parts of the game. Non-Tickies will yawn.

Humor, some interesting sub-stages, Spoon moves!

Not very challenging Enemies don't become increasingly difficult.

TOP GEAR 3000





CompanyKemco Release DateFebruary 1994 Memory Size......8 Megabits



The Top Gear series leaps into the future with a new championship circuit in outer space.

characters as in Rock 'N Roll Racing. You don't have the great sound track, either. What you do get is a multiplayer racing game that moves. Steering is solid, although it doesn't feel like a real car. Your traction is a little too good, or maybe it's just that the other planets have greater gravity holding your car to the road. For more on this interstellar racer, check out the Take 2 feature in this usue.

Blazing speed. Easy controls. Multi-player option. 3-D terrain and jumps.

The challenge, like Top Gear 2, isn't that great.

This four-player racer contains a custom DSP to speed up graphics processing. The customization shop includes improvements for engines, tires, transmission, armor, boosters, and paint. The race courses move from planet to planet, but you don't have funky

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BRANDISH	3.1	2.5	3.3	3.2		K-A	ADVENTURE
BREAKTHRU	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.2	-	K-A	PUZZLE
BUST A MOVE	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.2	**	K-A	PUZZLE
CARRIER ACES	3.4	2.9	3.4	3.3		K-A	AIR COMBAT
HAGANE	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.0		K-A	ACTION
THE IGNITION FACTOR	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.6	*O*	K-A	ADVENTURE
THE ITCHY & SCRATCHY GAME	3.1	2.9	2.4	2.7		K-A	ACTION
JURASSIC PARK 2	3.6	2.9	3.0	3.1		K-A	ACTION
LOONEY TUNES B-BALL	3.6	3.2	3.4	3.2		K-A	BASKETBALL
METAL WARRIORS	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.3	**0	K-A	ACTION
MICRO MACHINES	2.9	3.1	2.9	2.9		K-A	RACING
NBA JAM TOURNAMENT EDITION	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.5	***	K-A	BASKETBALL
PINBALL FANTASIES	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.6		K-A	PINBALL
RISE OF THE ROBOTS	3.9	2.9	2.8	3.2	2	K-A	FIGHTING
SPEEDY GONZALES	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.0		K-A	ACTION
TETRIS & DR. MARIO	3.1	3.8	3.8	3.6	****	K-A	PUZZLE
THE TICK	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.8		K-A	ACTION
TOP GEAR 3000	3.2	3.4	3,2	3.1	*	K-A	RACING



If you like the same types of games as one of our Power editors, then check for his or her seal of approval above.

Scott...Sports, Simulations, Adventures
Leslie...APDs Puzzles, Adventures

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Jeff......Action, Sports, Fighting

Jon......Fighting, Simulations, RPGs

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 Dan......Action, Adventures, Puzzles

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ISIDE SOURCE ON FUTURE GAMES

ROCK WIT

The Flintston is for laper NE. going to surprise a lot of players. come a long ways since last summer's CES when it was a rough experime

John Goodie is the appears on the character of



red Flintstone and that's about as far as the movie connection coas, shanks to some good judgment by the producers at Ocean Fred's chall lenge here is like most video game hero challenges-he

must work his way through multiple stages filled with baddies. The tools that Fred uses make this

game interesting. Don't try the Mario stomp. That'll send you back to the beginning. stead, Fred's arsenal includes a stone bowling ball, rocks for throwing, and a big club. There are also weird machines powered by animals, just like in the cartoon. Expect a challenge, but also expect some surprises when The Flintstones appears this spring. One surprise will be that Ocean plans to package the game along with the movie video. The combo price of game and video is

expected to be fairly low. Check it out.

TRUE

Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to the Super NES in Acclaim's True Lies, a 16-megabit game based on the recent action film. What makes True Lies stand out in comparison to some other games based on Arnold's movies, like T2: Judgment Day, is that this one is pretty good. The first time we

Acclaim were concerned about how the final product would play, but they put in the time to make it a solid game. Breaking out of the sidescrolling overhead view was the first good choice. Including secret

areas, tasks, civilians as well as terrorists in the shooting gallery and Gib to lend a hand were all good additional moves. The plot is the same as the movie's. Terropists threaten the U.S. with nuclear destruction while the Big A chases after them all over the world with an engless supply of assault weapons and ammo. It's fun, there are passwords, and it's coming soon—probably



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spring when it is released, probably in May.

The first playable version of Star Trek: Deep Space 9—Crossroads of Time arrived at Pak Watch after a long trip from its home in Hungary. The development team at Novotrade may be out of the mainstream of the computer world, but USP holds surprising promise. The player controls Cmdr. Sisko aboard the space station. He wanders freely within DSP, speaking to Federation crew and other inhabitants and piecing

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together puzzles. He also has the ability to use phasers and other tools. What is most impressive about the 70% version we plugged into our Super NES, though, was that it captured the spirit of the license very well. The video game

Hicense very well. The video game The video is full of unkept promises and a few shining successes. We'll report back on the final about the time of its release in a few months.

Kirby's — Dream Land

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Kirby's Dream Land 2 moves closer to completion every month. The latest version received at Pai, Watch includes four worlds and many of the major elements of the game. It is looks like one of the best Super Game Boy intes to date. The game is equally fun to play on Game Boy or in color on the super NES with your Super Game Boy. As you can see from the super see the variety is also impressive. One of the great seatures of previous Kirby games has been the except play control and Kirby 2 is no excep-

tion. In addition to that, there are so many bonus areas and branching paths that the game seems bigger than most Super NES games. Kirby's new animal friends—Rick, Kine and Coomust be rescued from mini-boss

characters before you can use them. The pals make Kirby into a sort of Super Kirby. You can still power-up with special items, although the attack will be a bit different, and the three friends also give you double shots and more life. Bast of all, it is fun. So the big question is, when can you play it? The answer is this summer.



MORE LIES

True Lies will also appear in a Game Boy version in April or May. The game play and maps are almost

identical to the Super NES game The biggest difference is that there are st quite as many civilians to get in the way of



your bullets, Each area is built around fulfilling a mission to help stop the nuclear terrorists. There are passwords, several type, of guns to collect and limited ammo and health provertups, ordern also sent Pak Weich its Game Roy virsion of Will Quarterback Club 2. Let son features easy controls for a quick one or two player game. Don't expect the variety of the Super MES QB Club. Still, the game can keep you are eliained while you're on the road. When JVC and Lucasarts team up, good things usually follow.

BIG SKIES

The latest news out of the JVC bullpen is that Lucasarts is heavily into development on Big Sky Trooper. No, this isn't about Montana rangers. The game is a comic book-based Zelda-like sci-

fi game. Hal Barwood, one of the creative minds behind the Monkey Island games, heads up the design team for this 8megabit.



battery- backed game. The plot involves one Jack Spudtop, a future couch potato video jockey who is unwillingly drafted into service against the



vile Slug Lord. With a star cruiser, atomic cannon, rocket boots and a computerized FIDO assistant, Jack explores 100 planets. Although JVC initially reported a June '95 release, a more likely release date will be early this fall.

DIDDY NEWS

Mow that you've had a chance to get to know Do nkey Kong's little buddy, Diddy, get ready for Diddy's starring role in next fall's sequel to Do key Kong County, Rare Ltd. is already hard at



work creating the second in the series of the most phenomenal game in history. All that we can report at this time is that it will be more

fun than a barrel full of monkeys.

What's the biggest question on the minds of aght fans? Well, here's the answer. Mortal combat III is on the way from Williams bretainment. In spite of all the rumors surrounding this future game, the final word is that MK III will appear in the late spring, early summer for the arcades. The Super NES and Nintendo Ultra 64 versions will follow on this fall, about six months after the arcade release.

Here's a real shocker. **Sunsoft**, the company that brought you some of the most innovative Super NES games like Bugs Bunny Rabbit Rampage, Taz-mania and Roadrunner's Death Volley Rally has dramatically scaled back it's American office. Justice League and Porky Pig's Haunted Holiday may be the final Super NES products from Sunsoft.

The folks at Acclaim can't conceal their excitement over Batman forever. Although the game wasn't shown at WCES, we expect to see it in an early form at the E3 show this spring. The game will feature eight levels of digitized action, two-player interaction, and a training made.

which Batman can challenge Robin in the Batcaye.

Ocean of America has also invested heavily in high-tech

authoring systems and tools recently. Their earliest efforts are shown here in these rendered scenes from rose. The game art will be created using SGI computers and Alias software then reduced to fit the Super NES palette in much the same way that Donkey Kong Country was creat ed. Ocean hasn't confirmed what their first NU 64 title will be, but they are hoping to make a game based on the upcoming movie Waterworld for both the new system and the Super NES.

The hits just keep on coming from Acclaim where frank Thomas has signed on the line for Acclaim's upcoming hardball telease, Big Hurt Boseball with Frank Thomas. The game also includes the MLBPA license, which may make it the most realistic game in town. Acclaim also plans to release Judge Dredd this summer. Another arcade hit, Revolution X starring Aerosmith, is scheduled for its Super NES debut this fall. Featuring a rock soundtrack and an almost constant stream of lead, Revolution X could be a great conversion.

SHORT AND SWEET

Although **Virgin Interactive** is waiting for the NU **64**, it is planning one 16-bit title for the fall, Cool Spot III. For Game Boy, Aladdin will follow The Lion King by a month or two this summer.

Tecmo has a few more 16-bit titles up its sleeve, too. Tecmo NHL Hockey has been rescheduled for release next fall. There's also a second NBA Basketball title in the future. Closer at hand is a Super NES RPG that is due for release this spring. So far, that game doesn't have an official name. When asked about the possibility of a Super NES Ninja Gaiden, Tecmo said not to count it out. That's one we'd love to see.

Sony Imagesoft announced the development of *Spawn* for the Super NES, based on the comic

book series from Todd McFarlane. Playmates has already got the guys down at Shiny working on Earthworn Jim 2. When the game ships next



fall, you'll asse be able to catch Jim on the tube in his own cartoon series.

To round things out, we've included a shot of **Activision**'s opcoming Battletech game. Unlike MechWarrior, Battletech concentrates on the action side of fighting with mech units. There's also a two-player version in which you can team up to playt enemy mechs.

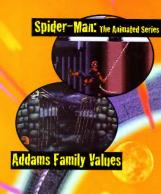
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Acclaim brings the hit movie StarGate to the Super NES. and Nintendo Power has all the details next month. This strategy packed review will get you safely past the most perilous situations that Ra and his gang present. Don't worry. When you've got Nintendo Power on your side, you can't

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The Sports Scene



April's Epic Center covers Enix's new strategy/roleplaying game, Ogre Battle You'll also get a behind-the-scenes look at Square's newest adventure, Secret of Evermore. If you're an RPG fan, you won't want to miss this one!

NU 64 Update



Catch the latest info about the Nintendo Ultra 64. Who's working on software? How about hardware? Tune in next month for answers to these questions and more. Nintendo Power is the insider source for all the latest NU64 info!

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